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Resident makes dreams come true



Chester King Vega

Parent creates computer lab at Harding Elementary, wins award

EL CERRITO — Recess used to be a time for dodgeball and hopscotch. But for students at Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito, it is an hour full of computerized learning — thanks to Houssain Bayat.

Bayat, an employee of Wells Fargo Bank's Auto Finance Division, has won the bank's President Award for Community and Education Volunteers for his commitment and dedication to create a computer lab for the school. Wells Fargo contributed \$10,000 in honor of Bayat to Harding Elementary School's computer lab.

"Houssain is an amazing worker and a truly dedicated

Wells Fargo employee," said Dick Schliesmann, executive vice president of the bank's Auto Finance Group. "He has taken that same dedication straight to the school and lovingly built this computer lab out of virtually spare parts. Without Wells Fargo's donation of equipment and Houssain's donation of skill and time, putting such a learning center together would have been difficult. We are very proud of him and his efforts."

Bayat and his wife are involved in Harding's Parent Teacher Association, where both his children are students. His concern about the diminishing resources available

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Houssain Bayat is thanked by Harding Elementary School students (top) last week and continues to visit the computer lab (above).

Albany council blazes through final agenda

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — With amazing speed and dexterity, the City Council breezed through its last regular meeting Monday night and received 11 items from some familiar faces.

While the agendized council business — a pair of resolutions honoring soon-to-retire council members and the second reading of ordinances, one relating to vehi-

cle abatement and the other to Planning and Zoning Commission appeals — were dealt with in a matter of minutes, a handful of speakers during public comment stretched the meeting to just under an hour.

The council honored Thelma Rubin and Mike Brodsky, who will leave office on Dec. 9 when Jon Ely and Peggy Thomsen are sworn in.

Rubin is retiring due to term limits and Brodsky, who served only one term, is retiring voluntarily.

Brodsky's resolution, read by Rubin, honored him for "leadership and vision that has significantly changed the course of many projects," for providing a "meeting style that was productive, effective and respectful of those involved," for changing from "casual t-shirt

attire to 'Willie Brown' hat and coat" during his tenure, and for his "determination to make change and improve the quality of life in Albany," among other things.

Rubin's resolution, read by Councilmember Elizabeth Baker, honored the fact that she began her public service on the Civil Service

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Rubin ready to continue her journey

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — It has been a long and interesting journey for City Councilmember Thelma Rubin, and although her 22-year tenure in city politics will come to an end Monday night, a peek down the road of life sees her lacing up her jogging shoes, and ready to keep right on going.

While the city may be getting a lot of new faces on its top governing body on Dec. 9, it will also lose one of its most dedicated and well-traveled civil servants, an animated, seemingly perpetually happy woman who has seen them come and go — and come and go again. Having travelled from the Alaskan coast of Attu to an Albany Hill which was approximately three homes built in 1960, in 1960, she and her husband bought 6,500 square feet of property for \$4,000. The 75-year-old Rubin gives meaning to the term "global history" on both a local and global level.

"Basically I always felt like I spent my life in the trenches," says Rubin, a former World War II Air

Corps nurse whose journeys have taken her from Brooklyn to Manila Bay to eight and a half years on the City Council. "It feels fine (to be stepping down). It feels like it's time," she says.

Not that she will be leaving without her share of memories. From Measure C to Measure R, from the 1970s-era Friends of Albany Hill lawsuit to a recall election in 1978 that, rumor has it, makes the cardroom debates seem polite in comparison, Rubin has seen, at the very least, a lifetime's worth — and maybe two or three.

born in Brooklyn, Rubin spent her youth on the go. As the daughter of a member of the now-defunct Coast Artillery (back then, you used to be able to see the people you were fighting, Rubin says), she attended schools on both coasts, in Hawaii and, for a time, on Corregidor Island in the Philippines.

At 21, she began a four-and-a-half year stint in the World War II Air Corps, attending to GI's on the "horribly boring" 22-hours flight between Guam and Hawaii, where the very first microwave ovens were

put to use ("The patients were so happy to be going home," she says, adding that, after countless hours in the air, she's "hated flying ever since").

Two master's degrees, three children and a lifetime of public health work later, Rubin began a long stint in city politics in 1974. She has been among those who wished to make the office of Police Chief an appointed one not once, but twice — "The public continues to disagree with me," she says, "so what can I say?" She was an original litigant in the Friends of Albany Hill lawsuit, and campaigned against the rather bitter 1978 recall election which stripped two councilmembers of their seats.

Rubin took the traditional route through Albany's boards and commissions to a council seat of her own in 1988. Never one afraid to speak her mind, she has taken her share of stands. She "vehemently opposed" Measure C in 1990 — (not surprisingly, she says the waterfront has been a "Contentious

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Council member's future role in cardroom unclear

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Although he has yet to be sworn in, newly-elected City Councilmember Jon Ely is already facing one of the most interesting dilemmas of his yet-to-begin tenure as he decides his eligibility to vote on cardroom related matters.

Ely, who officially resigned last week as Secretary/Treasurer for the Citizens for Responsible Government, the group which filed the Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit, will face a possible conflict of interest when the newly-aligned council holds a public hearing on Dec. 16 to consider amending the deadline to file an application for the cardroom. The issue could add yet another layer of controversy to the hearing, which many anticipate will be a heated matter in itself.

According to City Attorney Robert Zweben, Ely will have to decide in the next week or so whether he is

eligible to deliver an unbiased decision on both this chapter of the lawsuit and any which come up in the future. Ely, who might end up getting an attorney of his own, said he will not attend closed sessions in which strategic aspects of the suit are discussed.

"All we can do at this level is try to analyze this and come back with a recommendation," said Zweben, who called the possible conflict "an interesting situation."

"These are the struggles of a democratic society," he said.

Ely, whose group has found itself in numerous conflicts with Zweben before, agreed.

"This whole thing is murky," Ely said. "It's not black and white."

The situation provides yet another twist in the two-year-old lawsuit, which seeks to overturn the vote taken in 1994 allowing Ladbroke Racing Corp. to build a

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Rubicon housing project approved

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A proposal from Rubicon Programs to establish a permanent housing project on the Idaho Motel property has been approved by the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. The Agency also made a commitment of financial participation in the project seven years from now.

Rubicon, which has already purchased the motel property, will develop 28 units of housing at the site for very low income residents who are clients. The organization has received funding from a variety of sources for conversion of the motel and initial loan repayments. In the year 2003, it will need about \$350,000 for completion of loan repayments. The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency has committed itself to that amount.

Rubicon is a private, nonprofit agency which provides a variety of services including mental health programs, independent living services for mentally disabled and homeless adults and vocational programs, including on the job training.

The agency is well-respected by the community, including by members of the Redevelopment Agency. The vote on the proposal, though, was not unanimous.

Agencymember Mae Ritz supports Rubicon's program but did not want to tie up Agency funds seven years hence. Ritz said that monies designated for affordable housing should be kept available in case the plans for development of El Cerrito Plaza include such a component.

(Not all proposals currently on the table for Plaza development include a housing component. Among those which do, two have proposed market-rate town homes, others are open to affordable units.)

The state of California requires that redevelopment agencies set aside 20 percent of the income generated from tax increment revenues to affordable housing. At the current time, El Cerrito has spent more than its 20 percent set-aside on such housing.

Community support for the project has apparently grown.

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Agency assembles plaza parcels

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency has taken one more step toward redevelopment of El Cerrito Plaza. At its Dec. 2 meeting the Agency resolved that parcels comprising the shopping center be assembled as a unified development site.

In so doing, the Agency, by resolution, made a "determination that it is in the best interest of the Agency that several parcels be assembled and developed by a single developer" and moved one more step toward consolidation and redevelopment of the center.

Though in some ways the move was a formality, required by owner participation rules, it does "anticipate commitment" toward the final assembly of the site, said redevelopment agency manager Elisa

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Thelma Rubin reflects on where she's been and where she's going.

■ Letters to the Editor

What's in a name

Editor:
This letter is to congratulate Bill Cain and Owen H. Jones on their winning campaigns for the Albany School Board this election year. I hope they will both work together with the other School Board Members to truly represent the best interests of the children of Albany.

It is quiet clear that Owen Jones is a name that is quite electable for the School Board. As the candidate with the greatest number of votes, it is important for the community, that Owen H. Jones be very clear about who he is. As both Owen H. Jones, and I, Owen T. Jones, are active in the Albany community, I would appreciate it if Owen H. Jones would consistently use his middle initial, as I do. This will clarify for everyone, exactly whom is speaking and or writing about what.

The Albany School Board members have traditionally been very accessible, and I think that it is important that all of the Board Members are available to listen to the concerns of the community. To this end, I would request that Owen H. Jones, list his home phone number, so that people with concerns about school issues will be able to talk to all of their board members. My phone number is listed, and I am happy to talk to anyone, anytime, about any concerns they may have about the schools, but, then, I am not the elected School Board Member.

I would also like to respond to the letter to the editor in the Albany Journal from Bill Cain, structural engineer, Owen H. Jones, teacher and David McMahon, civil engineer regarding retrofitting the high school for earthquake safety. I am an architect currently working on a new public school in the City of Berkeley, co-chair of the Albany Middle School disaster preparedness committee, and father of three children attending Albany schools. I think the safety of all of our children is of paramount importance, and because of this, I think the new Albany Middle School at the Hill Lumber site should be built as soon as possible. As both Mr. Cain and Mr. McMahon know, the new school will be built to the strictest of seismic safety standards. Once this new, safe school is built, we will be able to continue to upgrade our other schools for seismic safety, ADA compliance, and other necessary safety requirements.

I agree that we need seismically safe schools, and the best way to teach that goal is to build the new middle school now.

Owen T. Jones
Albany

Appreciates campaign support

Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who worked so hard on my campaign to elect me to the Albany School Board. Unfortunately I was unsuccessful. I knew that it would be difficult to run as a Write in Candidate and that my chances would have been very good had I been on the ballot; but I believe that it was worth the effort and I realize the support that I have in Albany. I truly felt that with my history of working for the young people of our community for many years, that I could have made a difference on the Board.

The support from you came in many ways, your monetary contributions, walking the community to talk to your neighbors, dropping literature and generally encouraging me along the way. I had a wonderful committee that worked very hard for me and I owe them a special thanks.

It is truly gratifying to know that 2,169 citizens of Albany had the confidence in me and were willing to write in my name on the ballot.

I want you to know that I will continue to serve the Albany Community and more specifically organizations that benefit our young people. I am still on the Board of Directors of the Albany Education Foundation and the Coalition for Teens and will continue as Chair of the Albany Prevention Council. My efforts will continue to get a Youth Master Plan in place in the City.

Again, thanks for your support.

Jewel Okawachi

Sierra Club suspension unfair

Editor:
I am writing in regard to your Nov. 14 article regarding Albany Measure R and the Northern Alameda County Group of the San Francisco Chapter of the Sierra Club. I find the suspension

by the National Sierra Board an overreaction to actual events. My interaction with this particular group has been quite positive. They have always responded to the community with fairness and a desire to hear all sides of an issue in order to make the right decisions.

On the contrary, my experience with the current San Francisco Bay Chapter ExComm has been less than satisfactory. There appears to be an unwillingness on the part of the chapter ExComm to provide fair discussions of northern Alameda environmental issues. The recent endorsement by the ExComm of Albany's Measure R is a case in point. Significantly:

1) The ExComm's endorsement of the measure was without consultation with the local group. The ExComm wanted an endorsement in time for the Voter's Pamphlet, but this placed the Northern Alameda County Group in the position of either being improperly muzzled or of considering the matter after the chapter did. Subsequent developments have proven it was a mistake to short-circuit the normal process.

2) The actions of the chapter toward the local group appear punitive, damaging, and motivated by a desire to suppress dissenting opinion. If the local group had endorsed Measure R, then certainly none of their other actions would have brought any criticism whatsoever.

Other subgroups of the S.F. Bay Chapter have also had problems with the current ExComm. As a West County Sierra Club member, it appears to me that the current ExComm cannot, or will not, manage the daily affairs of such a large chapter. Certainly, the Northern Alameda County Group (probably the largest group in the chapter) has done its best to conduct its affairs in spite of the ExComm and they must be given credit for doing so.

Consequently, I hope the National Board will reconsider its suspension of this hard-working group and examine the larger, managerial issues the recent controversy has brought to light. For the sake of the 11,000 Sierra Club members in northern Alameda County, the club needs to get back on track.

Bob Sullivan
President,
Citizens for Common Sense
San Pablo

Ready for a party

Editor:
Please tell Phyllis Lyon that Albany's volunteer advisors are waiting for their Appreciation Dinner — Measure Q passed and we'd like to party at City Hall! Everyone's invited!

Jerri Holan
Albany

Walks like a duck, talks like a duck

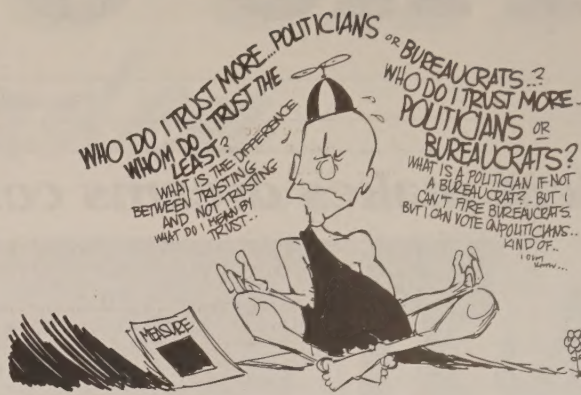
Editor:
How does redevelopment spell "loan"? We've all heard the expression, "Walks like a duck, talks like a duck, must be..." all of us, except for perhaps Norman La Force — who currently chairs El Cerrito's Redevelopment Agency — and when the word "duck" refers to the word "loan" in relation to a variety of financial and paper transactions that go on between the City and this agency (which, by the way consists of the same five council members).

According to a recent statement, Mr. La Force categorically denies that the Redevelopment Agency has received any loans whatsoever from the City. This statement was made so emphatically that the Editor of this paper felt compelled to remove the word "loan" from a recent Viewpoint article that made a brief reference to various "loans and subsidies" going back and forth between the City and the Redevelopment Agency (Apparently, Mr. La Force was less emphatic about the word "subsidies" which remained in the article).

In another report, this time packaged as a last minute attempt to prop-up the ill-fated Measure H in his bi-weekly Redevelopment article (Oct. 31), Mr. La Force denies that the city's "General Fund" is used to pay for the Redevelopment Agency and its projects, explaining that the agency is a separate legal entity from the city. Yet, he acknowledges that the city does "backcharge the agency for city resources used by the agency..." What he fails to mention is that the

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trying to achieve ENLIGHTENMENT



■ Police Reports

Albany police arrest intoxicated EC juven

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 27 residents on the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported concerns about three teens who were causing problems with traffic on the street. Officers were able to locate three 16-year-old El Cerrito boys. One of the boys was very intoxicated and was arrested. He was found to be in possession of stolen credit cards and a weapon. He was also charged with resisting arrest.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 24 Albany officers stopped a Pinole man who was driving erratically. He was found to be intoxicated and to have an outstanding warrant from San Francisco for failure to appear and illegal dumping. He was arrested.

On the morning of Nov. 25 officers contacted a 12-year-old Albany boy who was not in school. He was arrested for truancy and released to his parents with a notice to appear.

On the morning of Nov. 25 the custodian at Albany High School reported that over the weekend thieves had broken into the janitor's closet on the first floor and stole some keys. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Nov. 25 the owner of a business on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported finding graffiti on the walls of his business.

On the night of Nov. 25 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn

Avenue reported that between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 25 a thief broke into his 1981 Pontiac which was parked in a security parking area of his building and stole some keys. There were no witnesses.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 25 Albany officers stopped a black Nissan which was driving erratically. They found a Berkeley man who was intoxicated. He was arrested and released when sober.

At about 5 a.m. on Nov. 27 a resident on the 900 block of Taylor Street reported that his green 1966 Volkswagen van had been stolen. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Nov. 27 a resident on the 1100 block of Ordway Street reported that thieves had broken into her car and stole a bike from her yard during the hours of darkness. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Nov. 27 workers at Golden Gate Fields reported that a storage room had been broken into and items were stolen. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Nov. 29 Albany officers stopped a beige Jeep Cherokee for a minor vehicle code violation and found an Oakland man who had an outstanding traffic warrant from San Jose. He was arrested.

On the afternoon of Nov. 29 Albany officers contacted a 12-year-old Albany boy who was spray painting graffiti on the walls of Albany Middle School. He was arrested and released to his par-

ents with a notice to appear. On the morning of Nov. 28 a resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that thieves had broken into his Ford Escort which was parked in front of his house. They changed from the safety of golf clubs. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Nov. 28 a resident on the 700 block of Carmel Avenue reported that he had left a stroller on his porch and it was stolen.

At about 5 a.m. on Nov. 28 Albany officers observed Jose man on Solano Avenue who was to have an outstanding warrant for narcotics. He was arrested.

At about 5 a.m. on Nov. 28 Albany officers stopped a white man driving a white sedan near Solano and Alameda avenues who was known to have outstanding warrants amounting to \$5,000. He was arrested and found to be in possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

During the week of Nov. 28 Albany officers stopped several cars, responded to 21 domestic violence calls, attended to three injured animals, assisted people who were locked out of their homes or cars and responded to one report of a baby. Albany paramedics responded to eight medical emergencies.

Parked car rolled into pedestrian in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A parked vehicle rolled, hitting a pedestrian at Blake Street and San Pablo Avenue at about 5:15 p.m. Nov. 21. The victim chose not to file a complaint.

Payless was robbed Nov. 24. A man brandishing a handgun demanded and received cash at about 5:53 p.m. He is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5-feet, 10-inches tall, 210 pounds, bald, wearing a black and white checked, hooded jacket, blue jeans and white sunglasses.

Someone kicked in a panel near the front door at Jay Vee Liquors at about 5:11 a.m. Nov. 23. Entry was made, but the burglar(s) fled when the alarm sounded.

An El Cerrito man driving with a suspended license attempted to evade an officer leading him in a short vehicle pursuit. The chase ended at Portland and Kains in Albany; the arrest was made at 11:39 p.m. Nov. 23.

Someone took a gas can from an open garage in the 800 block of Shevlin Drive at 2:20 a.m. Nov. 24, poured gas into a garbage can lid and down the driveway, then set the gas on fire.

A residential burglary was reported in the 2000 block of Junction at 11:15 p.m. Nov. 23. Someone kicked open the door for entry, then took electronic equipment.

Two Richmond male juveniles were identified in connection with the theft of two bikes from an Everett Street garage (400 block). The padlock on the garage had been cut.

Someone entered a sliding glass door on Manor Court at about 9:13 p.m. Nov. 11 and took cash from a purse inside the home. A male suspect was seen.

Both power and hand tools were stolen from a garage in the 1300 block

of Arlington Boulevard during the early evening hours of Nov. 10.

Someone cut the clasp surrounding the padlock of a garage door in the 2000 block of Key Boulevard overnight Nov. 22 and opened the door. Nothing was reported stolen. Neither was anything taken from a second garage in the same block the same night. Again, the clasp had been broken and the door opened.

A clasp around a padlock was also cut for garage entry in the 2200 block of Mono Avenue at about 3:25 p.m. Nov. 16. Nothing was stolen.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to enter a garage in the 6600 block of Hagen Boulevard Nov. 25 or 26.

Electronic equipment was taken from a garage in the 2600 block of Carquinez overnight Nov. 19; the door clasp had been cut and the padlock removed.

A check was taken from a mailbox in the 800 block of Kearney Oct. 18. The check was eventually cashed in San Francisco.

Someone pried open the mailbox, attempting to remove mail, at an apartment building in the 6500 block of Stockton on the afternoon of Nov. 25.

A check was stolen from the 1700 block of Elm Street around Oct. 17. It was later forged and cashed in Richmond.

Someone ripped out the ignition key lock assembly of a 1983 Ford van in an unsuccessful attempt to steal the vehicle between Nov. 10 and 18. The van was not ransacked; it was parked in the 500 block of Liberty Street.

Two male suspects were seen smashing a vehicle window in the El Cerrito Plaza lot, then reaching through it to open the door. They fled in a waiting car when spotted. The incident occurred at about 12:42 p.m.

Nov. 18.

A vehicle was burglarized in a parking lot at the Gutter Center overnight Nov. 24. The door handle for entry was broken.

A Kensington woman reported that items were taken from her car while it was left for service in the 11800 block of Santa Monica Avenue between Nov. 19 and 20.

A car cover was reported missing in the 100 block of Commercial overnight Nov. 25.

A residential window was broken in the 8100 block of Avenue at 5:50 p.m. Nov. 24.

In acts of vehicle vandalism, windows were smashed at the block of Liberty overnight Nov. 24. The 7400 block of Stockton at 5:50 p.m. and 6:08 p.m. Nov. 23. The 2300 block of Alameda at 5:50 p.m. Nov. 23 and 24, and the 6000 block of Elm Street on Nov. 24.

Someone threw a bottle of beer through a window in the 500 block of Richmond Street at 2:35 p.m. Nov. 24.

Arrests were made on the influence on the street between Cutting and Gile Street on Nov. 24 (a Richmond man and a San Pablo man) and on Nov. 20 (an El Cerrito man and a San Pablo man).

An Albany man was arrested for possession of methamphetamine in the 1000 block of Central and San Pablo Nov. 18 (an El Cerrito man and a San Pablo man).

An El Cerrito man and a Richmond man were arrested for possession of a stolen car in the 1000 block of Safeway. The first man was accused of the theft, the second man was accused of driving the car to stop the security officers from towing the first.

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Holiday stories at the library



Gay Ducey

ALBANY — The Friends of the Albany Library will present "Stories for the Holidays," a family program with popular storyteller Gay Ducey. The free program takes place in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Dec. 10. For more information, call the children's desk at 26-3720.

Programs for children

EL CERRITO — The city, with offices at 7007 Mooser Lane, is offering special programs for children from 18 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision.

The program for ages 18 months to 3.5 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The program for ages 3.5 to kindergarten meets Monday through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is continuous as long as space is available.

For more information please call Judie, 215-4371

A high school murder-mystery

ALBANY — Albany High School Theatre Ensemble presents "While the Lights Were Out," a hilarious murder-mystery farce. The play will be performed Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 8

at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 for adults. All matinee seats are \$5. Tickets are available at the AHS Little Theatre box office one-half hour before the show starts.

The address of the Little Theatre is 603 Key Route Blvd. in Albany.

Library friends meet tonight

EL CERRITO — Friends of the El Cerrito Library will hold their 1996 Annual Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Public Library, 6510 Stockton St.

"We'll keep the boring stuff short, so we can get right to the entertainment," promises Event Chair Eileen Leon. Maurice Newburn, proprietor of Newburn's Books in Albany, will regale attendees with "Women Who Murder for Profit," a talk about female mystery writers. Cookies and punch will be served, and attendees will get to take home copies of the Friends' financial statement and activities report.

Members who attend will also vote on two amendments to the Friends' bylaws; one places an upper limit on the number of members of the Friends' Board of Directors, the other moves the annual meeting and the election of new officers to June, to coincide with the Friends' fiscal year.

Membership in the Friends is only \$3 for individuals and \$4 for families, and you may join at the annual meeting.

Quilts on display in Albany

ALBANY — The Albany Arts Committee announces the opening of an exhibit at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery featuring quilts created by resident Nancy Pagani. The show will run through March 9. The artist's reception will take place on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Pagani has concentrated on quilting as an art form for the past seven years. From 1992 to 1995 she had a business designing and constructing coats, jackets and vests. Her multi-colored creations encompass both wall hangings and wearable art, and include variations on traditional quilt patterns as well as abstract designs.

Marines, Albany team up for toys

ALBANY — The U.S. Marines Reserve and the city of Albany are asking the community to join them in the support of their Toys For Tots program, the campaign that collects toys for local needy children.

For 49 years the Marines have filled the dreams of millions of disadvantaged young people during the holiday season. We do this by providing them with a new toy — something that most children take for granted. Help a needy child believe that someone cares; that he or she hasn't been forgotten; that the magic of Christmas hasn't passed them by.

Drop-off locations for a new

unwrapped toy are:

Albany Police Department, 1000 San Pablo Ave.;
Albany Fire Department, 1000 San Pablo Ave.;
Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.;
Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.;
Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods, 911 San Pablo Ave.;
Nippon Motors/Nippon Video, 730 San Pablo Ave.;
Beverages and More, 836 San Pablo Ave.;
Dave's Dugout, 1226 Solano Ave.;

Sumitomo Bank, 1451 Solano Ave.;
Bank of America, 1515 Solano Ave.;
Joe Sio Chevrolet, 916 San Pablo Ave.;
Citibank, 1377 Solano Ave.;
Sonoma Valley Bagel Cafe, 1499 Solano Ave.;
Mechanics Bank, 801 San Pablo Ave.;
Albany Ford/Subaru, 718 San Pablo Ave. and 929 San Pablo Ave.
If you or your corporation have any questions, or want to help, call David Belman at 525-7300 or Jennifer Adams at 524-0135.

EC Garden Club hosts holiday event

EL CERRITO — Humble plastic strawberry baskets transformed into charming and unique ornaments adorn the El Cerrito Garden Club's holiday tree at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

This will highlight the Club's annual holiday luncheon for members and guests on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. Children from Windrush School Chorus will entertain, and S. Claus, in the person

of Joe Green (Joco the Clown) may park his reindeer and pay a visit. Luncheon reservations may be made by Dec. 2 by calling Lois Smith at 524-3759. Tickets are \$13 for members, with an additional charge of \$2 for guests. Hostesses are Ann West, Georgia Brumbaugh, Leota Turner, Ann Morales, and Audrea Miller.

For more than 30 years, original designs and making ornaments

for the Community tree has been a project of the Club's small arts and crafts section, headed for many years now by Aldean Hom. Ornaments have always incorporated natural materials such as leaves, cones and pods, often combined with "throwaway" items such as wine corks and plastic pantyhose "eggs." The tree will remain on display until after New Year, when ornaments may be sold.

Richmond Art Center annual festival this week

WEST COUNTY — The Richmond Art Center will hold its 1996 Holiday Arts Festival and Auction on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Richmond Art Center's acclaimed exhibition, education and Art Reach programs for local youth.

The festival includes a highly

popular auction, a crafts sale of works created in RAC's renowned studios, a raffle, children's art activities, a gourmet Cafe, and great gifts at the RAC Gallery Store.

The exhibit/auction items may be previewed from through Saturday, Dec. 7, during regular RAC hours.

The center will also hold its End

of the Year Holiday Art Sale from Dec. 11 to Dec. 18, which will include post-auction art works, handmade crafts and sale items from the Gallery Store. The center is located in the Civic Center Plaza at 25th Street and Barrett Ave. in Richmond.

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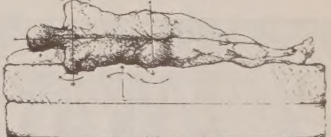
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Shelli Ireland, who has both acted and directed many production in local little theater, plus doing some chores as lighting director and other specialties, finds it hard to believe that she and her partner Patricia Inabnet have finally opened her dream store.

Because Inabnet also has a "regular" job in a law office — which keeps them going while Footlights gets started — Ireland spends most of her time in the store. Of course, all the while she is directing the Albany High School Drama Club's upcoming production (having no drama classes or department, the students interested in drama have formed a club, with Ireland's help, and hope it will evolve into drama classes), and preparing to direct *A Comedy of Errors* at the Masquers in Point Richmond.

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan to a musical family (her father plays for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and her mother plays cello), Ireland lived in Michigan until her mother brought her and her sisters to California when Shelli was in her first year of high school. But her dramatic work started before that. She appeared in a production of *Gyps & Dolls* when she was five years old, in a Canadian company where her mom played in the orchestra. She appeared in *The King and I* at the age of 10, playing one of the children.

Out here she plunged in at her mother's instigation. Mother saw a sign in a window which

read: "Can you dance? Can you sing? Come audition at the Masquers." She did, got cast and played about eight different roles in the subsequent production. And took part in other productions after that.


She interrupted her little theater work to work on another dream of hers — to learn Russian. She joined the army in 1973 to become a Russian interpreter. Her interest in the language started when she started Acallanes high school and found they were teaching Russian for the first time. She became fascinated by the language and followed it up by, as noted, joining the army, and studying at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey. In a year she went from learning the alphabet to fluency, and then was sent to Germany. She spent three years there being a radio intercept operator stationed in a little town just this side of the border between East and West Germany. "They knew that we knew that they knew that we knew" she remembers, and it made for interesting war games.

The army also sent her to college, to UC-Davis where they had a fine Russian Department. Not knowing anyone there, she

auditioned for a play and got a part in *Jesus Christ Superstar* and then in *Hair*. She stayed in Davis with a double major — Russian and Drama. Out of the army by this time, she went to New York where she studied at the Shakespeare Conservatory. She did some auditioning and did get some parts and found the drama scene there incredible.

Deciding she had more things to do with her life she returned here and, among other things, got into community theater acting and later directing.

Meanwhile, a Russian ship came into the harbor at Pt. Richmond (to pick up some old battleships to sell them to the highest bidder for scrap). A soldier, named Igor, from that ship came into town and met Julie, a friend of Shelli's, and also a member of the Masquers. Told she could get comp tickets for as many sailors as would like, she brought a group of them to the current play *New Girl in Town*, where both Shelli and Julie played the parts of whores coming onto sailors. After the show Julie insisted that Shelli come with them to the Mac (Hotel Mac) to interpret. That is how she met Victor. And Victor and Igor



Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser

jumped ship that night.

Shelli and Victor were married in 1992, and Julie and Igor shortly after. Shelli and Victor had to go to Moscow to interview for immigration (just after that the law changed and he could have been interviewed here). The visit to Moscow was wonderful for her, she says.

Victor and Shelli remain very good friends, but divorced. Julie and Igor now have two children.

Shelli and partner Pat share a house now, as well as the new business. Pat, who is from Galveston, Texas, came here about 15 years ago. They met when both were in the musical production of *The Uninvited*. They became great friends and have done many shows together. Pat, she says is a fine singer. Since Pat works in a law firm, they drew up a partnership agreement "sitting around

drinking coffee and coming up with worst case scenarios." The finished it, drank Mamonos, toasted each other.

They opened the store in a dining room, while they looked for space. They wanted Solano Avenue, and drove down the avenue several times before they noticed on the door at 1322A — took it.

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West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Creating safe environments

The Alliance for Public Education announced this week plans are set for its first forum, "Creating Safe Environments for Learning and Earning."

The event will be held at Andrew Wilson Elementary School, 629 42nd St. in Richmond, Dec. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. with a reception from 3 to 4 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The Alliance for Public Education and Marc Friedman invited all of the community to come and participate and said, "The challenges (confronting our children and schools) require that teachers, parents, businesses and community members work closely together to preserve and improve quality education."

Congressman George Miller will be the keynote speaker for the forum. A panel of teachers, parents, students and experts on school safety will also discuss this vital issue. Community input and participation will be an integral part of the forum.

The Alliance is being formed by a broad base of community organizations interested in creating a vehicle to address some of the most pressing challenges facing public education in West County. Initial sponsors have included representatives of NAACP

Richmond, United Teachers of Richmond, League of Women Voters, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and the Public Employees Union, Local One, as well as district elected and administrative leadership. Matt Barnes, Joe Boyd, Betty Brown, Herbert Cole, Paul Ehara, Karen Fenton, Mark Friedman, Marco Gonzales, Joan Haber, Judy Morgan, Anne Mueller, Bill Phelps, Eric Zell and the author have been meeting regularly to plan the launch of the Alliance for Public Education.

If you have your 1997 calendar, mark it now for the Alliance's next forum on Saturday, March 1, on the topic of "A Middle School for Richmond?"

The Alliance wants to grow and is seeking the participation of all community organizations and friends of public education in West County. For more information on the Alliance for Public Education call Mark Friedman at 236-6560; fax the alliance at 528-0445 or email at all4ed@aol.com.

Feedback on volunteer policy

Last week I wrote about some of the confusion among parents and community members caused by the apparently very sudden implementation of the district

volunteer policy requiring all volunteers working in the schools to get TB testing and fingerprinting.

Donna Porter of the District's Human Relations Department faxed me a list of District Health Center providing TB testing. Kaiser members can get free testing. Doctors Hospital in Pinole will also do free testing for groups of three or more.

For the full list of centers doing testing contact Porter at 234-3825 ext. 2561 or fax me at 528-0445.

Jeannie Llewellyn, former PTA president at Olinda Elementary write, "I suggest there be two or three dates coordinated for volunteers to drop by Brookside or a local hospital for the TB tests. The school district should not be doing it. Why not volunteer? No one wants TB to become a problem again, right?"

Anyone willing to step forward and take this problem on? Everyone agrees that we do not want our children or school teachers and employees exposed to tuberculosis or criminals, but we really need a convenient way for volunteers to comply with these regulations. Any more ideas?

Want to receive West County School Watch delivered to your email box or fax machine? Email me at pakglenn@aol.com or fax me at 528-0445.

A final note of thanks

Thank you to members of the public who have taken time over the last two years or so to read this column. This will be my final column, and I think an expression of gratitude to all the people of Albany is in order.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve; it has been an honor and a pleasure to get to know so many of you and to participate in the life of our community. Thank you for your suggestions, your support, and your criticism as well; I know it

Folk

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organizations and people, and have had inquiries from all over, including one from San Francisco. If they do not have the item in stock, they have complete catalogs and can get what is needed very quickly. It develops that they are the only store in the Bay Area that handles all theatrical items. In San Francisco there are several different stores that handle different items and different aspects, but even there there is no other all encompassing store.

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mike Brodsky
Albany

is all intended to make Albany a better place, and to help the City Council make better decisions.

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected officials are in order as well: thank you to all of you for stepping forward to serve your community.

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And last, but not least, thank you to *The Journal* for making this space available as a public service to the community.

Best of luck to the new council, the staff, and to everyone in Albany.

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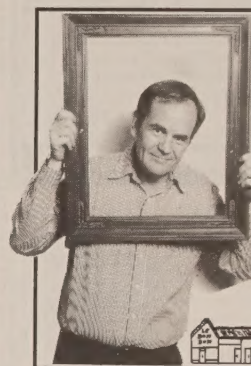
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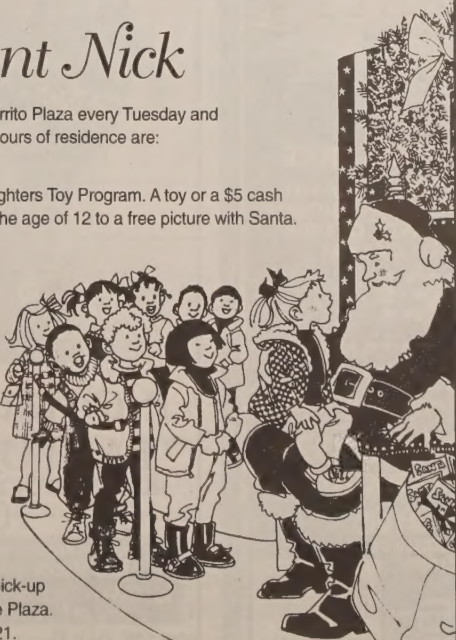
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■ Viewpoint

Finding fault with El Cerrito redevelopment reports

By George Amberg

As a former member of Project Listen and the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, I would like to address some misstatements which appeared in Norman La Force's recent columns about the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency and its actions.

Statement: The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency's tax income derives only from its actions.

Response: The agency's actions to date account for only some 12.1 percent of its tax increment income (the Target store and Del Norte Place). All the rest is due to market action. These are taxes the agency takes but had no part in creating, taxes that would otherwise go to the city and to other agencies.

Statement: La Force brags of the Redevelopment Agency sending taxes to the schools.

Response: The only reason that happens is because the state legislature passed a bill (AB

1290) about three years ago which requires that all redevelopment agencies do this. Until then, the agency sent no money to the schools, the county, the Mosquito Abatement District, the Regional Parks, etc. Even with AB 1290, the agency will retain 61.3 percent of the taxes that would otherwise go to these other entities and to the city.

Statement: He applauds the Redevelopment Agency's payments to the city for staff time.

Response: It has made no such payments for four years, with another year looming. That means the city has subsidized the agency's bad money management with our taxes at an incredible 3 percent interest rate on the loans!

Response: The city lends money to the Redevelopment Agency, in part for the tax anticipation notes (debt) he cites. But also a large sum was lent, and is still owed, to buy property for the Del Norte Place project. One must wonder just

how real is the legal separation, cited by La Force, between the city and the agency.

If the city spends money these ways to support the Redevelopment Agency, it cannot spend that same money for our essential services.

Statement: La Force applauds the Target store and its sales taxes.

Response: The Target store is a financial disaster for the ECRA. The deficit is in excess of \$10 million, this being the total the ECRA will pay over time on debt to do the project, over and above what it will get back in taxes. That's our money, and we won't even get a lousy T-shirt.

Additionally, the sales tax revenue goes to the city and not to agency for its debt service on the project. This is apples and oranges! Not only that, the net sales tax benefit to the city from Target is unclear, since the store has taken some sales from existing businesses, including the Emporium.

Statement: He says that the city will receive an estimated annual rate of return of 13.6 percent from the proposed Pacific Development project's sales taxes.

Response: The city has no investment here on which to earn a return. The Redevelopment Agency has debt here but the sales tax will in no way defray it. More apples and oranges!

Statement: He says that only the agency can "assemble" small, diverse land sites for commercial projects.

Response: Home Depot managed to do it with no Redevelopment Agency involvement. The marketplace will manage just fine when it perceives such assemblies to be economically sound, and when bureaucratic barriers are not put in the way.

If Mr. La Force's understanding of the way redevelopment works is truly reflected by what he has written, that's mighty sad for El Cerrito.

EC Community Center hosts benefit breakfast

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Community Center is sponsoring a fundraiser Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. this Saturday, Dec. 7. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will join participants; face painting is also available.

Monies raised will go to the David Hunter Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund. Hunter was a well-loved staff member in the city's recreation program when he was killed in a car accident three years ago.

City staff members are volunteering their time to host the event. The cost is \$5 per person.

The community center also provides toy barrels in cooperation with the El Cerrito Department's holiday program. Bring new, unwrapped toy barrels; they will be distributed to needy families.

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Input on Memorial Park sought


ALBANY — The Park and Recreation Commission is seeking residents to serve on the improvement plan sub-committee for Memorial Park. The findings of the sub-committee will be submitted to the Albany Park and Recreation Commission for consideration.

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Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

Focus on high school education

Parents of eighth graders will attend tonight's Middle School PTA meeting at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library. The subject is the transition from middle school. AHS Counselor Jim Walker will be on hand to answer parents' questions. He will also explain the role of the AHS counselor.

PTA has arranged for an early discussion of AHS this year because parents considering other schools generally need to decide in January where they will send their students. By acquainting parents now with the programs available at Albany High School, PTA hopes to help parents make an informed choice. Albany High School's PTA is not meeting this week, on Monday, at 7:30 p.m. Because there has been some talk about founding a charter high school in Albany, the PTA has decided to

make charter schools the topic of the evening.

Charter schools provide an alternative form of public schooling, financed by the state. Created by the state legislature in 1992, such schools are freed from many state statutes and regulations. Instead, their operations are governed by an agreement, a "charter," written by the local school board together with the school organizers.

A charter school can be established by the school board only after a petition process collects signatures of at least half of the teachers at any given school, or 10 percent of the teachers in the district. Once the petition has been presented, the school board decides whether public and parental support justifies the creation of the school.

The charter that governs the school sets forth specific requirements for its operation. Charters are granted for a five-year period, with the possibility of five-year renewals.

The law establishing charter schools, SB1448, allows members of the educational community, including parents and students, to maintain that operate independently of the existing school district.

For more information on how a charter school might work in Albany, consider attending the AHS PTA meeting Monday night.

Meetings and events this week:

Tonight, at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library. AMS PTA. Topic: Moving up to Albany High School.

Monday, Dec 9, 7:30 p.m. AHS PTA. Topic: Charter Schools.

Tuesday, Dec. 10. Albany School Board meets at 7:30, Cornell Multi-Use Room. New members Owen Jones and Bill Cain begin their tenure on the board.

AHS Theater performance: AHS Theater Ensemble presents *While the Lights Were Out*, an "off-the-wall murder farce," on Dec 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14 at the AHS Little Theater. Call the high school for more details.

Deadline looms for El Cerrito commission seats

EL CERRITO — The deadline for receipt of applications for various city commission and committee positions is next Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Nine commission positions will become vacant on Jan. 1, 1997.

There is one position available on the Civil Service Commission, which meets on call to hear appeals and make recommendations concerning city personnel matters.

Two positions will open on the Park & Recreation Commission, which serves as an advisory committee to the El Cerrito City Council on parks, playgrounds, music, entertainment and recreational programming in the city. The commission also considers the annual budget of the Community Services Department.

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to initiate educational programs and other activities designed to promote tolerance and mutual respect, as well as to make recommendations to the city council regarding discrimination charges.

There will be two vacancies on the Planning Commission, an advisory body in matters relating to planning and physical development in the city. The commission meets regularly to hear and act on a variety of use and variance permits and also reviews the city's General Plan annually.

One position will also open on the city's Design Review Board which meets regularly to review all developments in El Cerrito, including all buildings, to encourage quality design of such facilities.

Applications are being received for two vacant positions on the Tree Commission, though it is currently inactive. The commission serves in an advisory capacity regarding the growth, maintenance and location of trees in the city and to arbitrate disputes.

Applications should be turned in to the city clerk's office by 4 p.m. Brief interviews are expected to be scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9, prior to the 8 p.m. council meeting.

Three positions will open on the Redevelopment Advisory Committee June 30. Applications for terms ending on the RAC will be received

until June. The committee studies and reports to the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency on redevelopment issues.

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Contra Costa will continue care for illegal immigrants

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY — Despite Governor Pete Wilson's directive to stop health services to undocumented residents, the Contra Costa County Health Services Department is joining other Bay Area health providers in encouraging all residents in need of health care to come to county facilities for service.

Wilson was expected to send letters to Medi-Cal beneficiaries throughout the state telling them that undocumented residents can no longer receive prenatal and other services. But, at the direction of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, the Health Services Department is mounting a public information campaign to let undocumented residents know they are welcome at the county's sites, including six outpatient health centers.

"Providing preventive health care, especially prenatal care, is not only sensible but cost-effective. For every dollar invested in prenatal care, three dollars are saved by reducing postpartum complications and poor health outcomes for newborns," Dr. William Walker, direc-

tor of the Health Services Department, said. The Board of Supervisors voted in October that Health Services Department should continue providing necessary medical services to undocumented residents.

Walker said he is concerned about confusion on the part of clients who don't know whether they are still eligible to receive care at county facilities. To reduce the confusion, the Health Services Department is posting flyers at all of its locations and asking community agencies to help get the word out that clinic doors continue to be open to everyone.

According to Walker, the county operates six ambulatory health care clinics throughout the county, in Richmond, Martinez, Pittsburg, Concord, Brentwood, and Antioch. He says patients who come to the clinics may be asked for information like their addresses and social security number, but the information will be kept confidential.

"The information is for medical records. We do not give names to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. If patients don't have a social security number, they will still be able to receive care," Walker said.

Albany will send letters to Santa

ALBANY — Children, send your letters to the North Pole! Letters will be accepted through Dec. 20. Drop your letter in the North Pole Mailbox, located at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. in the Recreation and Community Services Office.

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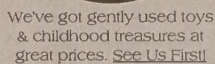
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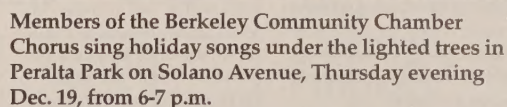
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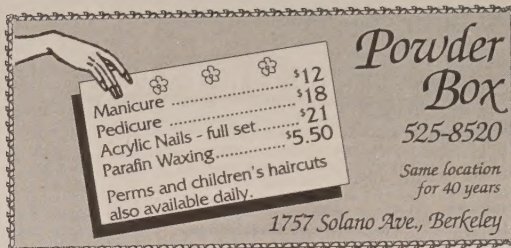


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Berkeley Fire Fighters Association. Through Dec. 20: Collection of canned goods and cash donations for the Christmas Food Drive to benefit senior citizens. Call 644-6926.

Berkeley Hiking Club. Dec. 8: Sculptured Beach, Pt. Reyes. 208-3907. Mini Hike—Ross Rambles. 415-492-2447.

Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck. Dec. 6: June Jordan at 8 p.m. Free tickets to be given out due to limited seating.

Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue. Dec. 11: Gerry Tenney performs songs and stories for Hanukkah at 7 p.m. At West Branch, 1125 University Ave. on Dec. 12: Outdoor procession by Grupa Semillita, who perform music and stories in English and Spanish.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. 848-0237. "My Family's Routes and Roots" will be on display through Jan. 26, 1997. Ext. 118. Dec. 8: Free Chanukah events from noon to 4 p.m. Luc Brebion will lecture on "The Art of Henri Fantinartour" at 7:30 p.m.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK, Jr. Way. 644-6107. Dec. 5: Video Movie: Crossing Delancey Street at 1 p.m. Dec. 6: Country Western Line Dance at 1 p.m. Dec. 9: Dr. McGillis discusses flu, colds, shots, viruses, pneumonia at 10:30 a.m. Internet Demonstration at 1:15 p.m. Dec. 10: Chamber Music and Classical Music presented by 6-8 graders of the East Bay School of the Arts at 1:15 p.m. Dec. 11: Musical Theater: "South Pacific" at 10 a.m. Dec. 12: Video Movie: "The Santa Clause" at 1 p.m. Stretch Exercise: Gentle exercise at 11 a.m.

Cafe Crayon, 1309 Solano Ave. 527-4475. Wednesday nights: Free chess club for kids. Lessons by coach Robert Haines. Please bring a chess set. Second Tuesday of each month: Healthy Baby

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Cal Postmasters meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at 120 C Bechtel Hall, UC Berkeley campus.

Candlelight Ceremony celebrating spirit of the holidays will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in downtown Berkeley.

Celebrate Arts and Crafts and meet the authors of three new books on the bungalow from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 7 at Builders Booksource on Fourth St.

Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291. Dec. 6: Ricardo Hofer lectures on The Court, The Family and the Therapist, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Co-housing slide show will be presented by Kathryn McCamant on Wednesday, 4 Dec. at the offices of the CoHousing Company, 1250 Addison St., Suite 113. \$5 requested donation.

Free Dance Classes for children K-6th graders. Tuesdays: International Fold Dance at Live Oak Recreation Center. 644-8513. Mondays: African Drumming/Dance. 644-8515.

The East Bay Collectors Club, which is for those interested in stamp collecting, postal history and all related matters, meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Kensington Recreation Center. 465-6266 or 526-5397.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1386 Shattuck Ave. 843-6725. All events at 7:30 unless otherwise listed. Dec. 10: Faith D'Alusio and Peter Menzel, *Women in the Material World*. Dec. 12: Michael McColl, *The Worldwide Guide to Cheap Airfare*.

Fair Trade Craft Fair will take place on Dec. 7 and 8 at Wesley Foundation Building, Dana at Bancroft from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 540-5296.

Gala Books, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172. All events \$3 and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Dec. 6: Marilyn Sewell, *Claiming the Spirit Within: A Sourcebook of Women's Poetry*. Dec. 7: Mary Ann Brussat, *Spiritual Literacy*. Dec. 8: Holiday Tea at 4 p.m. with Helen Gustafson, author of *The Agony of the Leaves*. Dec. 9: Richard Heinberg, *Celebrate the Solstice and New Covenant With Nature*. Dec. 10: Karen

At Berkeley Rep



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When *The Monkey* (Doug Hara) causes havoc in *Heaven, Buddha* (Jane C. Cho) must put a stop to it in Berkeley Rep's West Coast premiere production of *Journey to the West*, based on the most popular classic of Asian literature. The play opened this week at Zellerbach Playhouse and runs through Jan. 19. Call 845-4700 for ticket information.

Finley, *Living It Up*. Dec. 11: David Rosen, *The Tao of Jung*. Dec. 12: James Swan and Roberta Swan, *Dialogues With The Living Earth: New Ideas on the Spirit of Place from Designers, Architects and Innovators*.

Gay And Lesbian Spirituality symposium at the Church Divinity School on Dec. 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and Dec. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. 204-0720.

Holiday Crafts Fair will be at the Berkeley Farmers' Market, Center St. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, on Dec. 7, 14, 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gala's

Voice will perform Dec. 7 and Jojo La Plume the Puppeteer will perform Dec. 7, 14, 21.

Israeli folk dancing 8 to midnight, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veteran Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center, open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146. Dec. 5: The Navajo Indians slide show. Red Cross blood pressure check available from 9-11 a.m. Dec. 12: Ray and Nan of Love N' Harmony.

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2215. Dec. 5: Poetry for the People Berkeley High School Student Readings at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7: Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir Workshop. \$5 adults \$2 12 years and under.

Lawrence Hall of Science, Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132. Saturdays and Sundays: Holt Planetarium at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Saturdays: Computer Lab at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 per adult/child team. Recommended for children 5 and up. Free stargazing from nightfall to 11 p.m. Through Jan. 19: "Brain Games," a colorful, interactive exhibition featuring games designed to stimulate your mind.

Messiah Sing-Along on Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. 845-6830. \$5.

Mick Berry will perform his new one-man show, *Dad Fought Hitler, The Bottle, and Me* Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at Cafe De La Paz, 1600 Shattuck Ave. \$5.

M.C. Newburn, 950 San Pablo Ave. 524-1370. Dec. 8: "The Sisters, Brothers In Crime" Sleuthing Festival with Friends at 3 p.m. Dec. 11: Susan Holtzer, *Bleeding Maze and Blue*, and Richard A. Lupoff, *The Silver Chariot Killer*, at 7 p.m.

Noon Poetry in the Morrison Room of the Doe Library at U.C. Berkeley. All readings from 12:10 to 12:50. Dec. 5: Lorna Dee Cervantes, *From the Cables of Genocide: Poems on Love and Hunger*.

Nyngma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. 843-6812. Dec. 8: Jack Petraker lectures on "Inventing a New Mind" from 6-7 p.m.

Poetry for the People—Berkeley High School Student Readings at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568.

REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave. 527-4140. Dec. 5: Sierra Snowshoeing lecture at 7 p.m. Dec. 7: Ski Tuning and Waxing, at 2 p.m. Dec. 12: Ski Touring in Yosemite, at 7 p.m.

Sharing The Spirit festival on Dec. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. at Richmond Civic Auditorium. 234-5624.

Stained Glass Garden, 1800 Fourth St. 841-2200. Through Dec. 19: Introduction to Stained Glass, from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday evenings.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College at Garber. 283-7134. Dec. 6: East Bay Recorder Society monthly meeting.

Vista Community College, Milvia St. 841-8431. Dec. 7: Group travel workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$6.50.

University YWCA, 2600 University Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. A Career Network is free to YWCA members and \$20 for nonmembers. Session of Career Counseling at 10 a.m. and \$50 nonmembers. Session for Career Direction at 10 a.m. and \$130 nonmembers. Classes: Bellydance, Yoga, Aikido, Aerobics, Fitness Boxing, Pilates, exercise, Modern Jazz class. Drop-in fees \$6.50 class.

Performances

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Washington at Curtis. The U.C. Collegium Musicum will perform p.m. Admission: nonmembers, preferably canned, to help the church. 644-1753.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave. 525-5054. Dec. 5: When Attack at 9 p.m. Stream at 10:10: 6: Plumbers, Chachi, Agents of Critical Mass at 9 p.m. \$5. Dec. 11: Nos at 9 p.m. with floorshow by Ashkenaz. Dec. 8: Creole Belles at 7 p.m. Dec. 10: Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. Dec. 12: Sunfur at 9 p.m. Theatrical

Berkeley Store Gallery, 2250 Shattuck at Bancroft. Through Dec. 12: *Sexual Revolution in Chicago*. 8 p.m. Fr. Sat. 8 p.m. \$5 students, TBA members \$10.

Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave. 848-0886. Dec. 6: Tamara Maya. \$5. Dec. 7: Jambay with the Giants. \$5. Dec. 8: Stole's 9:12

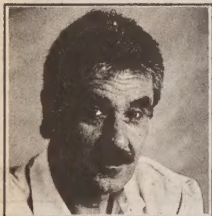
First Congregational Church, Channing Way at Dana. Dec. 8: Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra p.m. San Francisco Bach Choir Dec. 8: Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra at 7 p.m.

Freight and Salvage, 1110 Main St. 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. through Thursday, and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dec. 8: Blackbird at 8 p.m.

Dec. 6: "Messiah Sing" presents Young Musicians Program at 7:30 Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. 848-5624. Jupiter. 2181 Shattuck Ave.

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FITNESS, HEALTH AND



What does muscle eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner? Fat.

I've probably led you to believe in past articles that human muscle and fat are bitter rivals. Let's look at this relationship from a different angle. Muscle is the body's engine; fat's the fuel. When you have a good supply of lean muscle, you burn most of the fat in your diet. It's only when you let yourself lose lean muscle that fat builds up. It has nowhere to go but into storage in your body's unsightly "fat silos."

I think you know what I mean. For the first time, over 50% of Americans are now clinically obese! To put this another way, over half the population is muscle-deficient! This is a health disaster, but there's an easy cure. To

Get Better As You Get Older

By Paul Yazolino

keep fat from being stored, you need to keep lean muscle at a healthy level. The only way to do that is through a combined exercise program of aerobic (heart-lung) and anaerobic (muscle-building) exercise.

For maximum results, I recommend a treadmill-based, interval-training program, using the #1-rated treadmill in the U.S., the soft-deck Precor 9.25. Building ample muscle requires total use of the body through a three dimensional program of Weight Resistance, Balance, and Coordination. Treadmills beat every other machine in accomplishing these three goals. I won't stop preaching this message until absolutely everyone has one!

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Strength Training: The Fountain of Youth

By Cindy Olavari, M.A.

What if I told you that you could reduce your body fat, slow muscle loss, prevent the yearly loss in metabolic rate, reduce the risk of osteoporosis and diabetes, and diminish the pain of osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis with an investment of as little as 30 minutes, two times a week? Sound impossible? It's not! Studies show that strength training really does help reverse the aging process.

The average adult loses between five and seven pounds of muscle

every decade and gains about 10 pounds overall in the same time span. This means that all of the weight gained is fat and the weight replacing the lost muscle is also fat...But, studies show that regular strength training can add about three pounds of muscle mass within two months. This added muscle requires more calories. In one study found that people who strength trained had to eat 15 percent more calories just to maintain their weight. These same subjects lost body fat and significantly increased the amount of weight they could lift.

Strength training has been shown to increase bone mineral density reducing the risk of osteoporosis and increase glucose uptake to reduce the likelihood

of diabetes. And it doesn't take hours in the gym to benefit from this form of exercise. The fits of strength training can be achieved with a modest program of one set of 8-12 repetitions on 10-12 different muscles two times per week. As the Director of the County of Alameda Athletic Club over the years I've seen the results can be reached at (510) 834-1100 and would love to help you your exercise program.

The author is the Fitness Director at the County of Alameda Athletic Club in Oakland and U.S. Cycling Team Member 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984.



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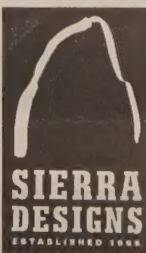
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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinernick

Holiday Champagne Buffet set

Reservations are now being taken for the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's annual holiday champagne buffet luncheon on Friday, Dec. 20.

The event starting at noon at the Cerrito City Club, will feature socializing, a special luncheon and a holiday drawing for several valuable prizes.

In addition, the results of the balloting for the Chamber's Board of Directors will be announced, and the election of the new Executive Board will be held.

Among the candidates for the eight open seats on the Board are: June Boblitt, Full Circle Travel; Vera Boyovich, California Federal Bank; Marvin Collins, Collins Apartment Management; Allan Essex, Financial Network Investment Corp.; Jack Freethy, El Cerrito Mill and Lumber; Bill Kerber, Freeway Motel; Harry Keifer, Kiefer Furniture; Pat Malailua, Mechanics Bank; Joe Pena, Family Fair; Larry Sanchez, Marvin Collins Construction; and Will Chun, Mail Boxes Etc. Reservations for the holiday luncheon at \$12.50 per person must be made by Dec. 18, and are available by calling the Chamber office at 233-7040.

Membership — both new and old

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome its newest member, Joyce Printing Inc., which is located at 600 Cleveland Ave. in Albany. A commercial printing company, the firm is headed by Susan Joyce.

We would also like to express

our appreciation for the reinvestment of the following members: Tri-Service Auto Center, Tulip Floors, Piggy's Pizza and Ribs, Sweis's Gyros Y Pitas, Woulf and Ury Jewelers, and World Slots.

Santa back in El Cerrito

Santa Claus is now residing in El Cerrito.

The "jolly gent" is waiting to greet local children at a special holiday village located in the former Miller's Outpost store in El Cerrito Plaza. He will be on hand Tuesdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open the rest of the week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 21, the holiday village will be the site of a special post box where children can deposit letters to Santa. All letters mailed there will be answered.

The village will also be the local collection point for the Fire Fighters Toy Program. A toy or \$5 cash donation to the program will entitle a child under the age of 12 to a free picture with Santa.

Meanwhile, free entries for the center's Christmas Coloring Contest are now available at any Plaza shop, restaurant and Santa's village. Prizes will be awarded on Dec. 21.

Holiday Chamber Mixer

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce members will get a chance to socialize and to view a collection of unique gift items from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 at a special Holiday Mixer.

Open to all members and their guests, the event will be hosted by

El Cerrito Lighting, Inc., located at 10330 San Pablo Avenue.

Traditional Holiday Display

Honorary El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce member Sundar Shadi will once again transform the garden area of his home at 944 Arlington into a beautiful illuminated Nativity display.

Now in its 46th year, the display which draws hundreds of people each year is being constructed with the assistance of members of the El Cerrito Fire Department.

Weather permitting, the display will be lighted from 6 to 10 p.m., Dec. 14-26.

Coloring Contest Winners

The El Cerrito Plaza Merchants association, which numbers several Chamber members among its group, have announced the young winners of its recent Halloween Coloring Contest.

In the four to five age group the winners were: Emily Hoffman first; Luis Kidder-Heger, second; Gregory Hawkes-Robinson, third; Barry Malek and Carson Stuart, honorable mention.

Ages 6 to 7 winners were: Dan Jacobson, first; Sarena Hsu, second; Zoe Siegel, third; Ari Khuner-Haber and Emily Robin Pinchler, honorable mention.

Winners in the 8 and 9 year old division were: Sarah Guthrie, first; Daniel Picetti, second; Nazaneen Moghadam, third; Rosie Cote and Christina Hsu, honorable mention.

Taking honorable mention honors in the 3 year old class were: Eli Curran and Alessandro Broferio.

Winemaker's Dinner Set

A special Winemaker's dinner



Plaza Merchants Association President Dave Prato congratulates some of the young winners in the recent El Cerrito Plaza Halloween Coloring contest.

— featuring gourmet pasta and the finest wines from Ruffino Vineyards — will be staged next Monday evening by Strings Italian Cafe, a member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Held in the Garden Room of the cafe at 11270 San Pablo Avenue in Del Norte Place, the event is open to the public at a cost of \$29.95 per person or \$49.95 per couple.

Reservations, which must be in by tomorrow, may be made by telephoning 234-2233.

Special Holiday Classes

Skein Lane, Chamber of Commerce member located at 7512 Fairmount Avenue, will be holding two special pre-Christmas classes open to the public.

Next Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mary Polityka will

show class participants how to turn one quick-to-learn, easy-to-stitch Swedish weaving pattern into gifts, cards, and tree ornaments. Class fee will be \$25 plus materials.

Saturday, Dec 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ann Norling will hold a trunk show and class on how to knit little purses for every occasion. The only fee will be cost of materials purchased that day.

Doing Well by Doing Good

Regular and associate members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce have once again gotten into the holiday spirit.

Mechanics Bank is helping associate member LITA (Love Is The Answer) collect gifts for convalescent facilities residents. Those wishing to participate are

asked to bring a \$5 gift to Mechanics' Plaza Branch.

Food Barrels are available at both Mechanics Bank local branches for those who wish to donate canned goods and other non-perishables to the Richmond Rescue Mission.

The Women's club of El Cerrito, also an associate Chamber member, is collecting canned goods for the GRIP program. Donations for this effort may be brought to the Chamber office at 10848 San Pablo Avenue.

Another associate member, the Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club, is supporting the Salvation Army's holiday program by donating complete holiday dinners for 28 families and by providing 300 toys for Christmas distribution.



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On the Snowline

By Charlie Coane

Sugar Bowl is one of the country's oldest ski resorts — yes, even before there were snowboarders. It began in 1938 when Walt Disney was with a team of explorers tramping around Donner Summit and they thought — "hummm, this looks like a good spot." A year later in went California's first chair lift (no, not a high speed quad) at a spot that got tons of snow and people were calling Sugar Bowl.

Well, Walt Disney is gone (Mt. Disney remains), the old chair is gone and Sugar Bowl still gets tons of snow each year. And that continues to be one of its long suits. Sugar Bowl and Kirkwood almost always have more snow than any other Northern California resorts.

For years, the resort has always

been a reminder of skiing in the 50's. It just had that "feel". Now it still strives to preserve the historical value, but all that is nicely mixed with modern day conveniences. Sugar Bowl has been a hidden jewel for expert skiers... especially on big powder days. But recently they have expanded the intermediate terrain on Mt. Judah, one of four peaks that had no lifts a few years ago. And this season a 2nd high speed quad has been added opening up lots more intermediate skiing. It's all part of their \$5 million expansion project which will also include the Mt. Judah Day Lodge next year. But now the Mt. Judah area offers a lot of intermediate skiing with two high speed quads to nearly eliminate waiting in line. And Mt.

Judah has its own parking area, too. It's an area within an area.

Sugar Bowl is not the glitziest resort. But it has maintained its history and old charm ambience. And in future years as their master plan swings into gear, you can expect the old and the new to co-exist very nicely.

Skiing In Comfort And Control Through Properly Fitted Ski Boots

By Daniel Winter

It can be said that the relaxation, happiness and thrill of skiing

relies on one piece of equipment more than any other — a properly fitted ski boot. All equipment is important and should work in harmony, but the weakest link is usually the ski boot. The boot must be snug enough to deliver linkage to the ski, but still be comfortable.

The first step to finding the right boot is finding a good boot fitter! A boot fitter is someone at a service oriented ski shop who has years of experience and will spend enough time with you to find the best boot for your foot shape, skill level and type of skiing. Length of shell is a primary consideration in overall boot selection. This step is critical because the foot tends to spread once subjected to body weight. A custom footbed is the best way to ensure the selection of the shortest shell, offering the tightest fit in the heel and ankle without cramping the toes. A footbed also neutralizes the foot, controlling pronation and arch collapse, giving the best edging control. A good shop can modify boots

by padding liners, shell stretching, or performing silicone injection to ensure a perfect custom fit.

Remember, a good fit will deliver both performance and comfort, and keep you smiling every ski day for years to come.

The author, Daniel Winter, is a boot fitter with 10 years of ski industry experience and owner of California Ski Company in Berkeley. He and his staff are happy to help skiers of every level select all their equipment.

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To celebrate nearly sixty years of exceptional skiing, we've decided to spend a little money on ourselves—say, about \$5 million. We've added two new lifts, a foundation for our new lodge, and a heck of a lot more terrain, parking, and snowmaking. Stop by on Sunday the 15th, and we'll even throw in some cake, too. Along with all the snow you can eat



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TAPS. Dec. 6: Strictly Tango at 6. Habanero Trio at 9. Dec. 7: Mama's Boys at 9 p.m.

Kensington Symphony Orchestra will perform on Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St. off Arlington. \$8 adults/\$6 seniors/under 12 years free. 525-4796.

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2215. Dec. 6: Jacqueline Rago and Grupo Campana at 8:30 p.m. \$10. Dec. 7: El Cuadro Flamenco at 8:30 p.m. \$12 in advance; \$14 at the door. Los Amigos de La Pena present Colibri at 10:30 a.m. \$3 adults/\$2 children. Dec. 8: Alberto de la Rosa and Victor Valdez at 8 p.m. \$10. Dec. 12, 13, 14: Culture Clash at 8 p.m. \$16.

Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave. 848-3228. Dec. 8: Julian White at 4 p.m. \$25.

Melodiya Chamber Ensemble performs Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m. at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave. \$12 general, \$8 seniors. 527-7801.

MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda. Dec. 8: Christine Abraham sings at 5 p.m. \$18/\$15 seniors, MS members, students. 528-1685.

Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave. 841-2082. • Dec. 5: Speakeasy. The Krinkles. \$3. Dec. 6: Charming Hostess, Warm Wires. \$6. Dec. 7: Chuck Prophet, Naked Barbies. \$7. Dec. 12: Rule of Thumb, Sleeping Dogs Lie. \$3.

TheatreFIRST presents *NOT A Christmas Carol* at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave. at 1 p.m. on Dec. 7 and at 2 on Dec. 8.

Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St. 549-3864. Dec. 8: Sonus Wind Quintet at 3 p.m. Dec. 11: Voci choral ensemble at 8 p.m.

Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200. All shows at 8 and 10 p.m. Through Dec. 8: Branford Marsalis Trio. \$22 Tue.—Thurs/\$22 Fri., Sat., Sun. Dec. 9: Surya. Dec. 10: Dan Hicks and BaySide Jazz. Dec. 11—15: Richard Elliot.

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus. Dec. 6: Choreography Workshop at 4:30 and 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. Dec. 7: Joshua Redman Quartet at 8 p.m. Dec. 8: Fiesta Navidad with Mariachi Los Capaneros de Nati Cano at 3 p.m.

Religious activities

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., 525-1716, celebrates Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays, and on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8: Yuletide Tea 2—4 p.m. Evensong with Tallis Singers at 4 p.m.

Berkeley Hillel, 2736 Bancroft Way. 845-7793. Sundays: Israel Action Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. 845-9797 or 841-1687. Israeli Folk Dancing at 7:30 p.m. All welcome. Tuesdays: Jewish Student Union meeting at 7 p.m. Fridays: Eat bagels and talk with Rabbi Rona at 12 noon. Time TBA: Hebrew speaking session. 843-3833.

Chabad of the East Bay, 2643 College Ave., 540-5824. Dec. 5: Menorah lighting at Sproul Plaza at 5 p.m. Dec. 7: Chanukah Party at Chabad House at 7:30 p.m. \$8 adults/\$4 children under 10 years.

Presbyterian Women in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., meet Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Resvs. 527-3052 or 848-1350.

Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centre offers free meditation workshops in South Berkeley. 540-4114.

Exhibits

A Life's Journey in Self Portraits: 1969-1996, by Lisa Evens, will be exhibited through Dec. 21 at the Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291. Open Mon.—Fri. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30—5:30 p.m. Exclusively by appointment on weekends.

Art at Zia will be exhibited at Zia Houseworks, 1310 Tenth Street at Gilman, through Dec. 31.

Art from the Heart will be on exhibit from through Jan. 12 at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities, 551 23 St. near Barrett, Richmond.

"Bali Inside Me," paintings by Thomas V. Siporin, will be on exhibit through Dec. 7 at Siporin Family Arts, 6121 Hollis St., Emeryville. 653-7467.

Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way. Dec. 12: Guided tour of "Masterworks of Greek and Roman Art," at 12:15.

Berkeley Historical Society, 1931 Center St. 848-0181. Exhibit: "Treasures From Our Attic." Open through Dec. 14, then closed until Jan. 9, 1997.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. 848-0237. "My Family's Routes and Roots" will be on display from through January 26, 1997. Ext. 118.

Christopher Lane: Works on Paper and Slate will be on display at the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library of the Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, through Feb. 15.

Dharma Publishing Art Gallery, 2910 San Pablo Ave. 548-5407. Through April 26, 1997: Sacred Mandalas: The Art and Books of Tibet. \$5 general/\$3 students, seniors/under 12 free.

Fabric Art Fair on Dec. 6—Jan. 2 at New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave. 527-6779.

Holiday Open Studio. Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22: Sunday from 11—5 p.m. at Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St. #214 (at Bonar). 845-2612. 11 a.m.—6 p.m. at 1117 Virginia St. at San Pablo Ave. 526-2967.

Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. 549-6950. Through April 1997: "Forging an Identity: The Art of the Yemantic Silversmith." Dec. 8: Reception for "When Artists Became Workers: The People's Art Movement of the '30s and '40s" from 2—4 p.m.

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. Through Dec. 31: "African Spirit" paintings/collages of artist Zero Aakil-bey.

Off Center Gallery, 2136 Oxford St. through January 15, 1997: "Gift Show." 44-9695.

Open Studios of Berkeley Artisans. 11—5 p.m. weekends, Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22. Free. Maps available at 1250 Addison No. 214. 845-2612.

Pissichillo and Gordon Glasswork sale and exhibit from Dec. 7—22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St. 832-8380.

"Science Imagined," Artists' Book Exhibition will run through Dec. 29 at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park.

The Eye of the Womb: Creations by Women will be on display at the Brick Hut, 2510 San Pablo Ave., 486-1124, until Jan. 1.

University Art Museum, 2626 Ban-

croft Ave. Through Dec. 31: Tchai MATRIX. The Gardens of Le Notre: Photographs by Becky Cohen.

Support groups, self-help

American Schizophrenia Association—Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Claremont Branch Library, Berkeley. 841-8361.

Avatar Toastmasters, Thursdays: Public Speaking Skills and metaphysics come together. 2515 Hillegass at Dwight, Berkeley, at 6:15 p.m., 643-7645, 848-6510.

East Bay Leads Club. Weekly meeting, Wednesdays at 7:45. Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland.

601-6325.

Grief Care Community: 8-week bereavement support groups for loss through death as well as ongoing spiritually-oriented groups for any kind of loss. Also individual grief counseling/therapy available. 540-0830.

People with Alzheimer's and related disorders welcome at Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Center. Music, dancing and fellowship. St. John's Church Center; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0243.

Catholic, Divorced, Widowed and Separated will meet the second and fourth Thursdays monthly at St. John the Baptist community center. 527-2148.

Conscious Connections: Meet other singles who value personal and spiritual growth. Second and fourth Saturdays, 8 p.m. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 339-2605.

Consensus Brain Injury Rehab Center: Six-week communication and critical thinking skills classes meet Wed. and Fri. 10:30 a.m. to noon. 548-3830.

Emergency Services Program: The Easy Does It Emergency Services Program offers low fee emergency attendants, minor wheelchair repairs, and emergency wheelchair-accessible transportation to individuals with disabilities within the city limits of Berkeley. For more information call 845-5513, 464-

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Fibromyalgia Support fourth Tuesday of each month. Bates, Herrick Campus, 2000 Way, Berkeley.

Jewish Family and Child services of the East Bay, 2401 Le Conte Ave., Suite 210. 704-4000. Tuesdays: Therapy group for children 11 who are struggling with loss and getting along with friends at 5 p.m. Sliding scale \$10-25.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday from 8:30—10 a.m. members meet at 8 a.m. at Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Room 203, 2nd floor. 273-4100.

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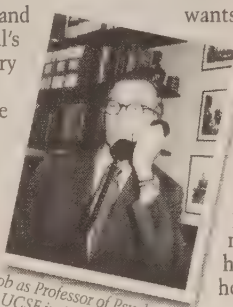
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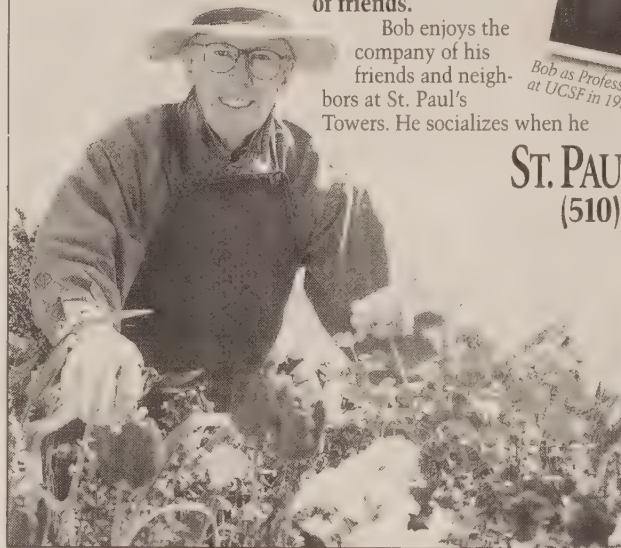
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EC's football team dominates ACCAL all-league team

St. Mary's, El Cerrito, Albany; St. Mary's harriers also named to league squads

El Cerrito's football team, which finished with a 9-2 record, dominated the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, also dominated the ACCAL's all-league football team with seven players. The Gauchos can also boast having the Coach of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Lineman of the Year.

EC coach Frank Milo, who took the Gauchos to the first round of the North Coast Section playoffs, was named the 1996 ACCAL Coach of the Year, while his quarterback, George Phillips, was named the top back of the ACCAL.

In addition, Mike Bigbee of EC, was named the league's top lineman.

Other Gauchos named to the all-

league offensive squad were seniors, guard Evan Lurie, tight end Donny Davis, wide receiver Lamont Thompson and running back Antoine Lacy, the ACCAL's leading rusher.

A trio of Gauchos were named to the ACCAL's defensive team, including Lurie and Davis, who doubled at linebacker, and junior defensive back Hartzell Swann.

St. Mary's placed four players

on the squad, including three offensive players — junior center Matt Himmelstein, senior guard Quinn Sandoval, and wide receiver Ben Gerbacio.

Himmelstein was also named one of the ACCAL's top defensive linemen, along with junior LB Jafar Williams, and junior DB Kwamin Taylor.

Albany had four players named

to the team, including a trio of offensive players — seniors Jorah Dannenburg (center) and Chris Pierce (TE), and utility QB, junior Billy Zeier.

Senior defensive lineman Doug Sims was named to the defensive team.

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In only its first year of varsity competition, the St. Mary's High

cross country team placed one of its runners — Ellen O'Dea — on the ACCAL all-league team.

Five Panthers were named to the all-ACCAL boys team, as St. Mary's dominated in that category.

Panthers named to the ACCAL harrier team are Mike Arp, Justin Hite, Ben Maniatis, Jono Tapp, and Ryan Torres.

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Bye '96—Jackets can't wait for 1997

By Mac Montandon

The starting tight end was playing quarterback. Its starting quarterback in street clothes, and on the line for the first time in two years after a near fatal car accident. Its leading rusher was still limping after injuring his right ankle the third week of the season. Its coach needed back surgery. It was playing De La Salle.

All these conditions might have helped the Berkeley football team last Friday's North Coast Section semifinal contest against DLS at Chico Valley College. But even a loss to the demolition machine was Spartan football, couldn't turn the proud look every Yellowjackets player and fan wore their season came to a close.

"For us it was a great opportunity to get there," Berkeley coach Larry Young said, "and having Larry Young, that was probably the best



Berkeley's Devin Martin attempts to pick up fumble against De LaSalle last Friday. It typified the Jackets' season, as they lost to the Concord powerhouse, 50-0.

part of the whole deal."

Larry, of course, is quarterback Larry Young, who flipped his car on Nov. 14 on Interstate 880. Young

watched his team practice on Thursday, then joined it on the sideline Friday.

Young's accident has grabbed

the attention of the community. After the game, Martin joked about suggestions that Young's presence would provide the Jackets with the

necessary inspiration to overcome DLS and its storied 62-game winning streak.

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Jackson thinking of Bears & NorCal

By Mac Montandon

Berkeley girls basketball star Shavaki Jackson knows what she likes.

And now, after signing a letter of intent to attend Cal next fall, the senior also knows where she's going.

"I like the turn around jump shot," Jackson, a 6-foot-4 forward, said recently before practice, "I can hit that all day."

Jackson speaks in a languid voice which belies her tenacity on the court.

"And I like to be physical," she continued, "I like to block shots."

In her four years at Berkeley, Jackson, a preseason <USA Today> All-American, has blocked her share of shots. She has also scored a few baskets and handled some rebounds, too.

Jackson has averaged 17.5 points, 12 rebounds, and three blocks for the Yellowjackets. She hopes to follow in the illustrious footsteps of previous Marianne Stanley-coached (Cal's coach) players such as last year's Olympian, Lisa Leslie.

"I think under her (Stanley), I could be one of the best players in the nation," Jackson said. "She's a very good coach, and a really nice

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SM's harriers have many miles to go

By John Gardella

The good news is that the St. Mary's High boys cross-country team finished sixth at the state meet in Fresno over the weekend. The great news is that coach John Mason returns all of his runners next year.

"Our goals were to win our league, win our sections and get whole team to states," Mason said. "We accomplished all of that. We want to up out mileage to 45 miles per week so we can compete at a higher level."

With only 31 points separating the Panthers from the second-place team, Mason's harriers seem to compete at that higher level to be by Mason.

"We have soph and junior runners," Mason said. "We don't want to push them too hard when they are young. Next year they will be more mature. From a team point of view, we have the most potential I have been here." (Mason has coached the St. Mary's team since 1989.)

The Panthers won their second

North Coast Section small schools title in the last six years, beating second-place St. Joseph by 42 points. St. Mary's had seven runners finish in the top 32, paced by Mike Arp's fourth-place finish (17:09).

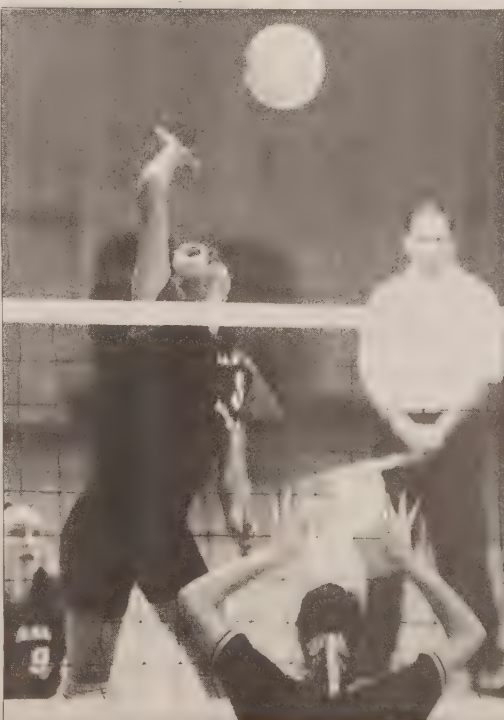
In Fresno, Arp again paced the Panthers, finishing 24th in a field of 150 with a time of 16:51. Ben Maniatis followed with a time of 17:19.

The Panthers other three finishers were Justin Hite (17:26), Ryan Torres (17:41) and John O'Tapp (18:08).

"In the end, our final ranking should be sixth out of over 200 schools," Mason said.

If the coach is correct, it will be the school's highest ranking ever. In 1990, the last time the school won the section championship, the Panthers finished with a ranking of eighth.

"Sixth place is cool," Mason said. "I am real pleased with the league and section championship. The kids want to win and they love to run. They are willing to do more work in the future."



Albany's Sara Ness successfully spikes the ball against Leland in 1st round of the NorCals last week. But Cougars weren't so fortunate in the next game and were eliminated.

Albany volleyball woken from dream

Cougars lose in NorCal semis

By Mac Montandon

Sometimes a team, by achieving an astounding level of skill, generates such lofty expectations for itself, it can't possibly fulfill the dreams of success it has cast.

Sometimes even a 30-6 record doesn't seem good enough.

These are the notions now gripping the Albany girls volleyball team after last Saturday's semifinal loss in the NorCal playoffs.

The 15-3, 8-15, 15-10, 15-6 defeat at the hands of St. Francis of Mountain View, prevented the Cougars from advancing to last Tuesday's final, and possibly the CIF State Championship.

For the six seniors on the club, this match proved the premature end to a fantasy which began four years ago when they played their first varsity match together at Albany.

Senior Lindsay Kagawa, as she has throughout her career at Albany, was able to articulate how her team felt after not advancing as far as it thought it could.

"When you set goals so high,

it's easier to fall short," Kagawa said. "The loss wouldn't have been so hard if we had played well...but we didn't. The state title was something the six seniors dreamed about, and it all went away so quickly. But the memory of Saturday's match is going to last."

Making this loss particularly painful to the Cougars is the idea that they not only could have beaten St. Francis, but indeed had beaten it two months earlier in a match at Mountain View.

In early October, Albany defeated the Lancers, 15-11, 8-15, 15-4, 15-9. In that match, however, St. Francis was without perhaps its best player, Niki Hartley. She had mononucleosis and missed the earlier contest.

She may have been the difference Saturday. Hartley converted 25-of-30 kill opportunities, enabling her squad to build large leads early on in games one, three and four. In surging to a 9-0 lead to open the first game, the Lancers immediately put Albany's dream of a title in jeopardy.

Small AHS has big heart

By Mac Montandon

Two seasons ago the Albany boys basketball team won the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League title. Last year it finished 4-22.

Senior Kagawa, entering his 20th

season as varsity basketball coach at Albany, expects this year's team to land somewhere in between those two polarities.

"We're hoping to pick up a few more wins than last year," Kagawa said recently. "We have a real good

group to coach. We're hoping to make the playoffs this year."

ACCAL officials and school administrators are considering a new playoff alignment, which would have a division of the smaller

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By John Gardella

So far, varsity basketball doesn't seem like all that big for a deal for the St. Mary's High girls basketball team. Then again, the Panthers had an easy time of it last year when they played at the junior varsity

level and lost just two games.

In their first year of varsity play, the Lady Panthers have jumped out to a 3-0 start.

"It's a young team, but a very talented team," said coach Don Lawson. "They still need experi-

ence playing at this level."

Perhaps. But the team that carries two freshmen, seven sophomores, and three juniors, hasn't had a problem adapting to the higher level of play. St. Mary's has beaten

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While ma cooks, Cal's Circus waits

By John Gardella

Anita Daniels remembers the last time her oldest son Raymond was unable to play basketball.

"It was his junior year of high school," Daniels said recently. "He tried playing against De Anza, but the team ended up losing by one point." Even injured, Raymond "Circus" King's love for basketball drags him on to the court like a magnet. Actually, King has a hard time remembering the last time he wasn't playing organized ball. "Maybe the fourth grade," he guessed.

You can imagine how difficult it is for the sophomore point guard to have to sit out one season after transferring from San Diego State to Cal. But that difficulty increased exponentially when King suffered a stress frac-

ture in his right foot over the summer while playing in a Pro Am league in San Francisco. Not only can he not play with the Bears, injured, he can't even practice with them.

So the 5-foot-10 wunderkind has to sit and watch. Surprisingly, he is handling it well as the Bears have jumped out to a surprising 4-1 start.

"I have to be patient," King said. "It's tough, but I get to learn a lot this year. I get to watch Prentice (McGruder) and Anwar (McQueen). It's a learning experience for me."

King, nicknamed "Circus" because of his playmaking ability and his penchant for bringing oohs and aahs out of the stands with his ballhandling skills, felt his first disappointment over the summer when Todd Bozeman resigned. King had met Bozeman as a sixth grader when the El Cerrito native had attended a basketball camp at Cal. Bozeman

was then an assistant under Lou Campanelli. Bozeman was one of the reasons King asked for his release from his scholarship at S.D. State.

"I was very upset when Boze left," King says now. "I had second thoughts. But that's life. I'm sure it will work out for the best. Coach (Ben) Braun is a great teacher. He knows his stuff."

King is philosophical about the coaching change because of all the positives of being at Cal. He's close to home and his mother's home cooking. He will get the chance to play in the Pac 10, while watching his younger brother, who is aptly nicknamed "Carnival", play as a sophomore at El Cerrito.

"I think he will do very well," said Chris Huber, Circus' coach at El Cerrito. "He always weaned to play in the Pac 10."

King gave up a lot in transfer-

ring. As a freshman, he tied for second in assists (5.2) in the Western Athletic Conference and led the Aztecs in steals with 63, capturing the WAC's newcomer award. King led the Aztecs to a 15-14 record. He averaged 7.7 points, a figure that would have been higher, he said, if he had not deferred to the seven seniors on the team.

Aztecs coach Fred Trenkle said upon King's transfer that he thought the world was coming to an end.

Still, the opportunity to play at an established program close to home tugged at the point guard the way the court always has.

"The classes are real cool," King said. "I can get caught up on things; hit the weights work on my jump shot."

And mom's home cooking makes it all worth the wait.

Jackets

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"We didn't really think about Larry being there as inspiration, we were just glad he was there," Martin said. "Besides," he continued, "With all the inspiration in the world, you're still going to lose if you turn the ball over seven times."

John Vogler filled in again for Young at QB. A tight end until the last regular season game, Vogler had led the Jackets to two straight wins, including an NCS first round route of Antioch, 47-30.

Against DLS, it was a different story. Vogler completed just 7-of-19 passes for 34 yards and threw two interceptions. Berkeley's top rusher, a hobbling Devin Martin, managed 14 yards on 13 carries.

Panthers

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Athenian, Bridgmont and Berean Christian heading into next week's St. Mary's Tournament. The Bridgmont game was a laugher as the Panthers won, 76-24.

Although the Panthers are a "fairly balanced" team according to Lawson, several players have stuck out.

Forward-center Spring Harris, a sophomore, has shown the ability to dominate a game inside. At 5-foot-10, Harris is a very aggressive rebounder.

"Spring lives up to her name," Lawson said. "She can almost touch the rim. She has very raw talent, but is growing year-to-year. If she can harness that ability she can be a very good player."

Lawson also has a set of interchangeable forwards — junior Stacy Tucson and sophomore Jackie Bryant.

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schools competing for postseason spots, with additional spots going to a division of the larger schools.

This system would benefit Albany, which has one of the smallest student populations in the league.

Also aiding a possible Cougars run at the playoffs will be the increased playing time of senior off-guard Danny Christopher.

Christopher was averaging close to 20 points a game on 50 percent shooting, and the Cougars were 2-0 last year when a condition called athletic asthma ended his season early.

This year Kagawa will use Christopher in three minute bursts at different points throughout each game. By regulating Christopher's court time in this way, Kagawa said his best offensive player should be able to play about half of every contest.

"Danny's a real sparkplug off the bench," Kagawa said. "We should be a lot better with him on the court."

Another player the Cougars will turn to for offensive production is 6-4 senior forward Tony Hernandez. In Albany's season opener last Saturday at San Marina,

The Jackets' final record will read 2-10, but that mark should have an asterisk next to it. The team was forced to forfeit six wins when East Bay Athletic League commissioner Don Nelson ruled that improper papers had been filed concerning the transfers of Berkeley players Ricky Comejo and Matt Werner. The ruling was later discredited by a committee of coaches prior to the Antioch game.

In the end, Martin felt the DLS game will give next year's team an ideal to strive towards.

"Next year already started," Martin said on Tuesday. "We had a meeting yesterday, and we will start lifting weights right away. We won't pressure the kids to do it throughout the summer, but we hope after they saw what kind of shape DLS is in, they will want to work hard."

Martin said he will build his second

Berkeley team around a big, experienced offensive line, featuring three returning starters from this season's line.

Jackson

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person. Having grown up in Oakland, just a long rebound away from Cal's Harmon Gym, Jackson said she started thinking about going to Cal in her sophomore year.

That was the first of her back-to-back seasons as an All-East Bay Athletic League and All-State selection.

While next season's anticipation looms, Jackson, 16, indicated she wanted to commit to a school early in her senior year, so she might better attend to her education and her current team.

"I don't want anything taking me away from my studies or my team," Jackson said. "I need my team and my team needs me. We're a family. We have heart."

This year's Jackets also have plenty of depth and talent surrounding the long-armed Jackson. So much that Jackson, for one, likes their chances of improving on last season's 26-5 record, and semifinal appearance in the Northern California playoffs.

"We have a whole lot of quickness," Jackson said. "We have a lot

of potential."

Perhaps the quickest of this year's Jackets is sophomore guard Coriel Davis. She led Berkeley in scoring with 21 points in its opener at home against Healdsburg on Nov. 23. Jackson contributed 15 points and 16 rebounds, as the Jackets ran away from Healdsburg, 85-33.

After defeating Lowell of San Francisco on Monday, 70 to 33, Berkeley's record rests at 3-0. Jackson had 26 points and 24 rebounds against Lowell, including 17 rebounds in the first half alone. Freshman Aishia Hollins added 19 points.

The Jackets begin the Del Campo Tournament Thursday in Sacramento. In the first round they face Bear River, a club which lost in the Division III state final last year, and has everyone returning from a 34-2 team.

"This should be our first real test of the year," coach Gene Nakamura said.

Jackson knows this season presents a unique challenge: helping her team get to the NorCal finals while she hones her skills for next year's Bears.

Panthers, Cougars

In one of the most heart-warming and unprecedented success stories of Albany-Berkeley girls' (Under-10) soccer history, the Panthers against all odds, surged to victory in the last two games of the postseason's annual tournament to take the third place title in their bracket.

The newly formed team, led by first-year coach "Red" Burgamy, had not won a game during the regular season (0-2-9).

The Panthers opened the tournament by losing a hard-fought battle to the West Contra Costa Wildcats, 3-1. To those who had not witnessed the Panther's spirit and improvement, it looked as if the team was going to end as it had started. The girls never gave up and showed true grit in taking the next game from the El Cerrito Earthquakes in a one-goal thriller.

On the last day of the tourney the Panthers, bolstered by their only win of the year, were pitted against the Albany-Berkeley Leopards. The roster depleted by the illnesses of the very aggressive halfbacks, Kyle Cannon and Alison Geering-Kline, these tenacious Cats, led by Ami Rinaldi, Lily Friedman, Teagan McGillivray and Elise Elliott on defense, allowed few shots on goal.

"Ami was phenomenal. Burgamy in a hoarse voice, without fear and when down, gets back up to another 110 percent. She cleared every ball that came in the midfield."

Notwithstanding the fence, the crowd was roused at the fury and precision of the Panthers' relenting offense led by Cori Burgamy, Katherine Katy Flad, and Stephanie Bridges.

Bullen broke through the defenders to kick a long goal at 1:32 in the first. Thomas negotiated a hat-trick at 2:14 in the second. It was all Gamal though. Gamal, assisted by Mike Gamal, took her own breakaway that took her and challengers to score on a drive maneuvered in the 4:18 in the last half to finish score, 3-0.

"These girls demonstrate is at the very heart of our philosophy," Burgamy said. "Skills and lessons that the field of play and will them for life. I learned the fortitude and spirit of than I could ever teach."

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Cal wins its seventh taekwondo title

By Elaine Merrill

For the past five years, the Iowa State taekwondo team has left the annual NCTA National Collegiate Championships chanting the mantra adopted by this year's Atlanta Braves: "We're No. 2, we're No. 2."

The men and women from Iowa performed well each of those years, only to watch a seemingly unbeatable Cal team walk away with top scores in the country's biggest college meet for practitioners of the ancient Korean martial art.

Rumors on the floor at this year's tournament, held recently at Cal's Harmon Arena, said the Iowa gang was fired up and wasn't going to come in second again.

At the start of the day, Cal spokesman David Won said he wasn't positive the Bears could hold off Iowa, which was bringing some 24 black belts to the competition. Won said Cal has approximately 30 black belts, but of those only nine have had national level tournament experience.

Dr. Norman Link, who teaches in the Cal program and served as head timekeeper and scorekeeper, said of Iowa, "They're very tired of being second."

Iowa needn't have worried. It finished fourth, behind Cal, Cornell and Montana.

On a day that saw wind and rain outdoors, Harmon had day-long indoor storms in an explosive fest of whirling, shouting, kicking and punching.

Taekwondo translates from the Korean as "the way of foot and fist." It is a competition that places major emphasis on flexibility and kicking action and also stresses precisely executed hand techniques. It is learned through a lifetime process which advocates say, leads motivated athletes to realize much more than self defense skills and high levels of fitness.

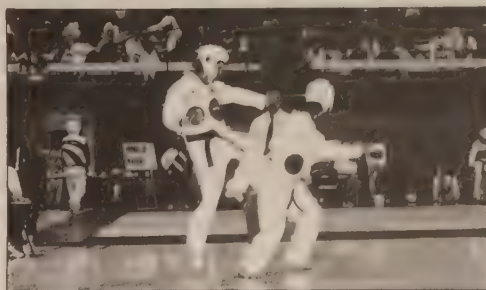
According to Cal program staffer Rick Viera, "A dedicated taekwondo practitioner soon discovers personal changes that go beyond improvements in speed, endurance, flexibility, strength, agility and kicks....the learning that occurs in the dojang is broadly applicable to life."

In the tournament some 340 college men and women from 93 schools participated non-stop in eight separate arenas set up on the floor at Harmon.

The day began with Poomse, or forms, with pairs of individuals from different schools demonstrating pre-choreographed, skill level-based routines. At the end of each set, five judges scored the performances, with the high and low scores then being discarded.

Gyoroogi, taekwondo's explosive one-on-one sparring competition, began in all eight rings. Audience tension level rose palpably as both color belt and the higher ranked black belt practitioners barked out traditional Korean syllables and aimed flying feet and fists at their opponents' well-padded heads and torsos.

The action was not all inside the rings. In the warmup room, all day long the stench of nervous sweat was in the air. Along the back wall athletes came and went, stopping for a while to line up and stretch, swaying nervously



Cal's John Eing, left, goes after Indiana's Eddie Brociani in the National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships.

on the balls of their bare feet like backup singers in a '60s girl band.

In front of them a dozen coaches from different schools held hard leather paddles high in the air while competitors repeatedly shouted, whirled and kicked as if to send the paddles flying from their instructors' hands.

In one corner of the gym, 22-year-old Berkeley premed student Andrew Meyer directed a volunteer medical team and a handful of prospective student emergency room technicians. By noon his staff had seen a slight ankle fracture, along with impact injuries, bruises needing ice and an occasional bloody nose.

As he spoke, a report came in of a dislocated shoulder in ring No. 5. A volunteer soon had the victim, Christopher Conn of Stephen F. Austin State, trussed up with an ice pack. Conn returned to the ring and lost the bout. After the fight he reluctantly admitted the injury hurt "quite a bit." Cal senior Owen Chang lost to North Carolina's

Ken Hance in ring No. 2 despite a gritty effort and loud encouragement from the stands.

When asked his reaction, Chang, who was drenched in sweat and appeared slightly punchy, would only say he had trained hard but hoped to train harder and come back to win next year.

Overlaid the scene, which Norman Link aptly described as "controlled chaos," were the constant urgings of the coaches. Shouts of "kick hard," "go high," "follow through," and "go after her" rang through the air all day long.

When it came time for Cal favorite John Eing's first match, however, any shouted coaching tips were drowned out by the roar of the crowd. Eing, who is slim and serious-looking with a jet black Prince Valiant haircut, defeated Eddie Brociani of Indiana. Eing went on to finish second overall in the men's black belt featherweight division.

Cougars

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Cougars down Big Foot

Last Sunday at Castro Field in El Cerrito the Albany-Berkeley Cougars faced down the Femmes Footalles (AKA Little Big Foots), also of the Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club, in the championship game of the Red Flight of the Under-10 Girls Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League-West Contra Costa Tournament.

A strong defensive effort by both teams left the game scoreless after regulation and two five-minute overtimes.

Big Foot attacker Shireen Javandel had put the ball in the goal in the second half when the keeper came out, but the goal did not count because play occurred around the keeper.

In the shootout that followed Cougars coach Bob Adams used Alice Alpert in goal while Footalles coach David Ritvo went with a rotation of Rebecca Pickus, Erin Woulfe, Hannah Hausauer and Alyse Ritvo.

After four rounds the Footalles led, 3-2, and appeared to have the game won when the Cougars fifth shot went wide.

However, the keeper was called for moving before the kick and on the retake, the Cougars scored.

When the Footalles fifth shot went off the crossbar, the shootout went to sudden death.

The Cougars scored and when Footalles Martina Miles' shot was blocked, the championship went to the Cougars, 4-3.

Sarah Adams, Katherine Sinclair, Rebecca Spence and Rebecca Krow-Boniske scored for the Cougars. Hannah Johnson, Rebecca Picus and

Alyse Ritvo scored for the Footalles.

Both teams had exciting roads to the championship. The Cougars started their season slowly, due to the inexperience of all their first-time players, but won three of their last four games against strong teams.

Kelly Griffin, Laurel Wirth, Natasha Matteson, Danielle Sinclair, Genna Collins, Jessica Lindsay, Sophia Perkis and Sara Schultz all contributed.

In the tournament they beat the Albany-Berkeley Puumbas and the Mersey Hot Shots both by 2-1 scores and tied the WCC Her-A-Canes, 0-0, to advance to the championship with 20 points.

The Footalles, an age-pure Under-9 team, had been undefeated and untied throughout the season, getting strong defensive play from Rachel Gordon and midfield play from Jasmine Rockwell.

Playing up against older teams in the Commissioner's Club earlier in the month they came in second in their flight with exciting play from attacker Julia Kessler, who got a score and an assist, and good midfield passing from Katie Vurlumis.

Again flighted with older teams in this season-ending tourney, they proved their worth, beating the Her-A-Canes, 1-0, and tying the Volcanoes, 1-1.

Because the Volcanoes beat the Puumbas, 2-0, Footalles came to their game against the Hot Shots knowing they needed a 3-0 victory to advance directly to the championship game.

Any goal by the other team would eliminate them. With a strong defense led by sweeper Alyse Ritvo and defender Rebecca Picus and with a renewed attack led by Devyn Orr, Hausauer and Woulfe they achieved the 3-0 victory to advance with 22 points.

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

Just a few weeks have passed since Renee Rong Wang moved her business to a new location. Formerly the Mandarin Villa on Solano Avenue, Renee relocated across the street at 1477 Solano Ave. in Albany, changed the name and brought her clientele with her.

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MUSICAL/MAGICAL NOTES: "They are beautiful people that run the place," said Joel Dorham, "and that's why I like performing at Pacific Coast." Dorham brings his Latin jazz octet for one night only this Saturday at Pacific Coast Brewery from 9 p.m. to midnight. An intimate but lively setting located in Old Oakland at 906 Washington St. in the heart of downtown, Pacific Coast will not be charging a cover...The Alice Arts Center Jazz Orchestra will present its holiday concert Sunday at the Alice Arts Center. Call (510) 427-6666 for details...Cats N'Jammers will appear in a holiday concert at Oakland's City Center at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 11...Piedmont's Dick Deatley is not about to forget his evening spent at Tommy T's in San Ramon last Saturday night any time soon. Seated directly in front of the stage and in the direct line of fire (literally) of magician/comic Paul Kozak, the Orville Redenbacher look-a-like was a sitting duck for the delivery of Kozak. If he wasn't hitting Deatley up for a \$20 bill, he was calling his name or showering him personal questions. Deatley was such a good sport, Kozak should consider taking him on the road with him.

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WEEKEND SCENE: The Dramatics at Kimball's East...Orquesta Peru Friday and Tito Garcia Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Live jazz at Daniel's in Albany...Live Music Sunday afternoon in the Courtyard at Jack London Village...John Turk Thursday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn...Jazzin Thursday, Lilli & the Jazz Doctors Friday and Vivian Perry Sunday in the Terrace Room at the Lake Merritt Hotel...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Branford Marsalis Trio at Yoshi's Nitespot...Joint Chiefs Friday and Dana Hubbard & the Delta Twisters Saturday at the Baltic...Vince Wallace and Howard Barkan Trio Friday at Hs. Lordships...Lady Margaret and the Gentlemen Friday and Built For Comfort Saturday at Eli's Mile High Club...Joel Dorham Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...George Glover Tuesday through Saturday at Maestro's San Ramon...Body and Soul Friday and Soul Attraction Saturday at Brennan's...Freda Mitchell and Gospel quartet Friday and Those Dam Accordions Saturday at Freight & Salvage.

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COMEDY SCENE: Gary Lazer and Barry Weintraub at Tommy T's San Ramon...SAN FRANCISCO: George Lopez at the Punch Line...Johnny Steele and Larry "Bubbles" Brown at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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■ Martin Snapp

Happy Chanukah: Today is the first day of Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights, and to my gentile friends who want to shower me with good wishes, all I can say is: Thanks for the thought, but please don't bother.

As Jewish holidays go, Chanukah is a decidedly minor one. It commemorates an actual historical event, one that occurred long after the Jewish Bible was written -- which means it's a holiday-come-lately.

The real reason we American Jews make a big deal about it is so our kids can have an excuse to get presents at the same time their Christian friends are celebrating Christmas. But in my book, it doesn't hold a candle to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur or Passover.

Meanwhile, there are a few Jewish holidays that even I didn't know about -- not until I checked with Rabbi Jack Moline, author of "Growing Up Jewish."

Among them:
Jan. 28 - Hubert Humphrey's Yahrzeit. "The anniversary of Hubert Humphrey's death marks the official end of the traditional involvement of Jews in liberal Democratic politics," says Rabbi Moline.

March 16 - Bob Dylan's Return To Judaism. "After a period of uncertainty," says the rabbi, "it was on this day that word of Dylan's appearance in a synagogue was leaked to Variety."

Sept. 21 - Cubs Clinch National League East Championship. "The Chicago Cubs are baseball's answer to the Jews," says Rabbi Moline. "After 40 years of wandering in the baseball wilderness, on this day in 1984 they finally made it to the top. Could the Messiah be far behind?"

Sept. 28 - Cubs Blow National League Pennant. "Oh well," says the rabbi. "As the old saying goes, 'Wait 'til next year in Jerusalem.'" Rabbi Moline has also made a list of "People Who Aren't Jewish But You Think They Are Because Of Their Names." Among them: Bruce Springsteen, Julius Erving, Bert & Ernie, Herschel Walker, Barry Goldwater, Whoopi Goldberg and my favorite -- Benihana.

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Blue Christmas for Fido: Deck the halls with boughs of holly -- but not if you have a cat or dog. Holly is poisonous to animals, and it's just attractive enough to make them want to munch a little while your back is turned.

In fact, many of our traditional holiday goodies are baddies where our pets are concerned. Mistletoe is poisonous. Tinsel icicles, ribbon and string can cause bunching of the intestines. Egg nog causes diarrhea in cats. Turkey gets contaminated with salmonella, the bones can get lodged in your pet's throat, and the skin and gravy have too much fat for his tummy to digest. (Ditto for potato latkes.)

But after a bad rap for so many years, poinsettias are off the hook! Recent studies have found they are not deadly to cats, after all.

Meanwhile, what's the perfect gift for that pet in your life? How about a picture with Santa Paws?

Just bring him to the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society's Holiday Celebration this Saturday, and he can get his photo snapped with St. Nick.

Also appearing will be author Peter Huebner and his dog, Ziggy, autographing a new book about their adventures. Peter saved Ziggy's life in 1990 on the island of Guam, and Ziggy returned the favor a few years later when he saved Peter from a shipwreck in Morro Bay.

And if you've always been wondering what's really going on inside that fuzzy little head, an animal telepath will also be on hand for you to consult. (I am not making this up.)

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Remembering Mario: I didn't expect my column about Mario Savio to meet with universal agreement, and I was right. Typical of the dissenters was this letter from an El Cerrito reader:

"As a UCB alumna (Wartime '45), I was surprised and disappointed with your virtual canonization of Mario Savio. I remember him well -- as one more lacerated ego screaming for attention, not as a saint. His roaring around and rabble-raising reminded me of a kid having a tantrum. His exhibitionistic behavior was one of the elements of Cal in the '60s that made me feel embarrassed to admit that I was a Cal grad."

Well, needless to say, I beg to differ. There will be a memorial service for Mario Savio at the U.C. Student Union's Pauley Ballroom this Sunday, starting at noon. Many of my heroes from the FSM days will be there, including Bettina Aptheker and Michael Rossman.

And they couldn't have picked a better date, because Sunday will be the 32nd anniversary of the U.C. Academic Senate's historic vote to support the students' right to free speech. It would have also been Mario Savio's 54th birthday.

If you were one of those who loved him -- and there were many -- please attend this celebration of his life.

And if you or were one of those who hated him -- and there were many -- you're also welcome. It's time to heal those old wounds. Besides, you might learn something that will change your mind about him.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone him at (510) 273-9039; write c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or e-mail snapp@BMUG.org.

Cardroom

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150-table cardroom at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack. Ely, a former member of the group which has fought tooth-and-nail against the proposed cardroom, now finds himself sitting on the top executive body of the city which CRG is suing.

According to Zweben, Ladbroke might raise objection, or even file a lawsuit of its own, if Ely were, for example, to cast one of the three votes necessary to prevent the city from extending the Feb. 1, 1997 deadline to file an application. If the deadline is not extended, the cardroom project will have been defeated without CRG winning a single battle in court. The case, filed in 1995, lost at the trial court level and is currently on appeal.

"I want to participate in whatever is ethical and

legal," said Ely, who has donated more than \$500 to CRG's cause, some of which has been reimbursed through fund-raisers. He said that in addition to possibly hiring his own legal counsel, he also plans to contact the State Fair Political Practices commission about the matter.

"I don't believe I have any kind of conflict," he said.

CRG attorney Bob Outis, who does not represent Ely personally, seems to be staying out of the matter.

"I'm not involved in that because I don't represent (Jon Ely) in his individual capacity," he said. He also commented on the legality of extending the deadline, which a legal brief, filed by the city this summer, said could lead to yet another lawsuit.

"It's something I assume CRG or others might

want to look at," Outis said. "It's something to look at too."

According to Zweben, the deadline slipped into the development agreement at a time one anticipated the project being held up for a half year. Extension of the deadline became an issue until the appeals court scheduled the case for oral argument in March.

While many cardroom supporters expect the project will ever reach fruition, Zweben Ladbroke "absolutely" plans to file an application or they would not have pursued the project so long. If the cardroom is built, it will be the city with a minimum of \$1.2 million in tax revenue, as well as land and \$500,000 of the Bay Trail.

Rubicon

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though concerns remain.

Resident Thom Stark is a neighbor to the project and has attended three of the four public meetings sponsored by Rubicon concerning the project.

Last year, Stark had expressed strong objection to the Agency's approval in concept of the future loan to Rubicon. The matter was handled as an urgency item because Rubicon needed to apply to a contingent federal program. Some citizens felt the matter was too rushed to consider thoroughly.

"That had nothing to do with the merits of the Rubicon program," Stark said Tuesday. Neighborhood concerns about the program itself centered around issues of the proposed clientele and oversight of residents. Stark also questioned whether those current residents of the Idaho Motel (low-income families in particular) would perhaps be made homeless themselves because they couldn't afford to live anywhere else.

Stark and other neighbors seem to have been reassured by Rubicon's plans for operating its project. In compliance with state law, the organization will, for example, provide assistance to current residents in relocating. The new client/residents will be carefully screened, and a social worker will live on site, overseeing and counseling with residents only.

"The other thing that has persuaded me that this is, on balance, probably a good thing is that Rubicon is willing to set up an oversight body with power to investigate and 'run interference' for complaints by the community regarding the residence or the residents of the Idaho, individually or collectively," Stark said. "Certainly it's fair for it to work the other way, too, if there are people in the community giving those residents a hard time."

Stark said the idea for the oversight group was his own, raised at one of the neighborhood meetings. He

credited Rubicon chairman of the board (and El Cerrito resident) Chuck Lewis and Rubicon as a whole with being open to the suggestion, as well as to numerous other specific concerns raised by residents.

"It means from my perspective that Rubicon is fairly serious about trying to be a good neighbor here," he said.

At Monday night's meeting, Lewis described a five-person committee that would include two representatives from Rubicon and three from the community. Stark said Tuesday he would advocate for community members to live within two blocks of the project.

"Decisions which affect neighborhoods ought to be driven in large measure by input from the people that are going to have to live with those projects," he said. "...the people whose lives and property values and perception, if nothing else, of their own safety are going to be most directly impacted by them."

While Stark believes that Rubicon has been "pretty open about working with the community" and that most neighbors feel the same way, he is among those who believe the Redevelopment Agency staff has not been so open in sharing necessary financial info.

Three residents at Monday's meeting raised questions about the spreadsheets provided by Agency staff that illustrated how future program funding would be handled. They, and Stark, were looking for "comprehensive financial details" not included in the spreadsheets and more comprehensive information on "how the Agency's accounting streams in fact operate."

Redevelopment Agency Manager Elisa Tierney actually faced the same kinds of questions from Agency members Monday night. She "walked them through" the figures and felt they were satisfied with the accounting. At the same time, staff agreed to modify the spread sheet to include all relevant figures and to make it available to the public.

Lab

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through conventional school budgeting prompted his desire to initiate his project.

Bayat worked evenings and weekends during the summer of 1995 to set up the computer lab and installed 50 district-certified education software packages, including programs for reading, science, creative writing, history, and math. He also spent time training teachers and parent volunteers on the use of the equipment and software. He continues to visit the lab regularly, and is currently installing sound and video cards.

"There are always students waiting at the door during recess or before school," said Dr. Marilyn McClaskey, principal of Harding Elementary School. "All Harding children have the opportunity to interact and use technology as a direct result of the computer lab and Houssain's dedication to the project."

Council

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Board in 1974, the "150,000 hugs and kisses" she has provided to Albany residents and city staff during her tenure, for setting a "rigorous national standard of physical fitness for all politicians," and for creating "a new lexicon for getting to the heart of political rhetoric, 'Well, that's just ridiculous!'"

After taking care of regular business, the council heard a smattering of input from some regular council attendees. Measure R opponent Leon Rimov continued his attack on Brodsky's vote in July to place the open space initiative on the ballot, saying the information Brodsky provided the Fair Political Practices Commission was incorrect.

According to Rimov, there are only 672 residential units within 300 feet of open space to be acquired under Measure R, or 8.9 percent of total units in the city. Brodsky, however, told the FPCC there are 1,385 units within the same area, or 18.5 percent. Brodsky was

informally cleared to vote on the matter because more than 10 percent of units in the city were within the 300 foot radius.

"The complaint (against Brodsky) is still very much alive, and it has legs," said Rimov during his five-minute oration. For his part, Brodsky leaned back in his chair and closed his eyes, apparently weary of such matters. He tried to cut Rimov's speech short, to which Rimov responded "I have 58 seconds, your honor."

City Administrator Daren Fields said Tuesday that Rimov was apparently counting lots, not parcels.

Among other speakers: Jean Safir, member of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Electoral Reform, asked that the task force be disbanded. Evan Flavell continued his crusade against illegal signs posted in Albany, and complained about a letter sent to citizen appointees of council members Bob Good, Rubin and Brodsky, informing them that their term was up.

Jerri Holan, backer of the citizen-sponsored Mea-

Plaza

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Tierney. "It's definitely saying we're committed. At the same time, she added, "if we can't do whatever we need to do, it won't happen. The project still has to be feasible."

Three of the four owners of the Plaza returned the Dec. 2 resolution. PCF-Investments, which option to buy the Emporium property from Food Department stores, and a representative of Drugs sent letters asking to continue in their participation status.

The owner of the B&P gas station addressed council members personally. He is concerned that his property be appropriately valued as future decisions are made.

The designation of the parcels as an area assembled and developed by a single developer or unified development is one step in the project developer selection. The Agency is currently evaluating proposals from seven different developers for a renovated shopping center at the Plaza site.

sure Q, which relates to the appointment and removal of citizen volunteers, spoke on the matter. According to Fields, while a city ordinance dictates such terms would expire 45 days after council member's term is up, Measure Q, the City Charter last month, mandates that the "concurrent" with that of the appointing member. The three council members' terms expire next week, Bob Good, however, was elected to serve another term.

Also speaking was a man who identified himself as "Jean Paul," and said he lives on the hillside and is experiencing police harassment. Jean Paul, spoken at previous meetings about the matter, said a friend of his had been assaulted on the new Bay Street Bay Trail. Because the council cannot act on items brought up during public comment without violating the Brown Act, Good spoke with the council at the meeting.

Paper art on display

ALBANY -- Local artist Victoria Chow displays her handmade paper with mixed media at the Albany Recreation and Community Center at 1249 Marin Ave. through Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The artist chooses paper as her main medium for her art. Special attention is given to the texture of each piece of unique art. Incorporated techniques include Western and Eastern methods of papermaking, including plant fiber paper, recycled papers. Other specialized paper includes forms of origami, sumiagashi, paper marbling, and monoprint.

Medicare guide available

The 1996 Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare is now available. The Guide describes Medicare plans and doesn't pay, the ten Standard Medicare Plans, Your Right to Medigap Insurance, Managed Care Option, and Tips on Shopping for Health Insurance. It is also available in Spanish. Medicare beneficiaries in Contra Costa County would like to receive the Guide or who did not receive the Medicare Handbook should call Senior Services at 374-3943 in west county. Distribution is free.

East Bay Events



Maturing Russian musicians

The Melodiya Chamber Ensemble, composed of long-standing members of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, will perform Sunday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave., Berkeley.

All former members of the Bolshoi Theater Orchestra or the Moscow Symphony Orchestra, the musicians will perform works by Lully, Haydn, Bart. Bax, Grieg and Jolivet.

Melodiya's chamber music performances are well-known for their careful, literate style. Members often offer lively introductions to provide audience with thoughtful insights and interpretations of the music at hand.

Tickets are \$12 and \$8. For more information call harpist Olga Kharber-Rakitchenkov at 527-7801.

Irish band in town, too

The Black Irish Band will perform historical ballads from the California Gold Rush, the transcontinental railroad and Pacific maritime eras this Saturday at 8 p.m. at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Door opens at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Call 548-1761.

Together for six years, the Black Irish Band combines traditional Irish, American and nautical music performed on authentic instruments of the 1800s. The group has produced six albums, and has appeared numerous times at the California State Railroad Museum and many Celtic festivals.

What you're expecting

TheatreFIRST presents *Not a Christmas Carol*, the troupe's third annual fundraiser cabaret. A revue of songs, sketches and seasonal vaudeville, the show includes championship ballroom dancing, Jacob and the Wailers, Bard-a-oke (the Shakespeare game show), and *Universal Language*, by David Ives. Performances — at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley — are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 1 and Sunday at 2. Tickets are \$10, and may be reserved by calling 436-5085. Above: Carolyn Cox and Sal Russo.

Back to Baroque

David Tayler, director of the UC Berkeley Collegium Musicum, with soprano Jennifer Ellis, will present a concert of music of the Italian Baroque — Vivaldi, Monteverdi and Corelli — at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at St. Albans Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. In conjunction with St. Albans and the Greater Richmond Interfaith Project, the Collegium concert will be an occasion for collecting food donations, preferably canned food.

Soulful, hip-hop funk

On the eve of the release of its CD debut, "How Do You Take It, the member "funk institution" !Tang will appear at Blakes, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, tomorrow night at 10:30 p.m. With roots in the Cal marching band, !Tang blends soulful funk, rap, hip-hop, ska, jazz and Ray Wilcox's song writing.



People's art

Ben Shahn's "Steel Worker," gouache on paper (1941) is part of "When Artists Became Workers: The People's Art Movement of the '30s and '40s," opening Sunday at the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley. The reception, which begins at 2 p.m., will be followed by a lecture by Professor Frances K. Pohl on "Art for Society's Sake." The exhibit runs through March 30.

This year's Beethoven pick

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 will be featured this Saturday at 8 p.m. when the Kensington Symphony Orchestra performs at First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St., Richmond. Also on the program are *Concerto for Two Trumpets* by Vivaldi, performed by Steve Turk and Stephen Ruppenthal, *Les Preludes* by Debussy, and *Marche Slav*, by Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$8 at the door (\$6 for seniors; children under 12 free). For more information call 525-4796.

Two shows remaining

Impact Theater presents David Mamet's one-act '70s fable, *Sexual Politics* in *Chicago*, directed by Josh Costello, Friday and Saturday at the Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$5 students, \$10 general. Friday the doors open at 7 for disco dancing with DJ Groove. For more information call 464-4468. Above: Chris Gomez as Danny and Meronghi as Bernie.

Redman returns to his Berkeley roots

A day in the life of Josh Redman: three more interviews, a sound check and a gig — all on an afternoon catnap.

By Charles Levin

Joshua Redman sounds so spent you can just about see him rubbing the sand out of his eyes.

"Excuse me if I sound a little bit out of it," says Redman by phone from an Ontario, Canada, hotel room. "I got no sleep last night. I just took a two-hour nap... (and) I woke up two minutes ago. So if I seem zoned, please forgive me."

Never mind that it's 4:30 p.m. and Redman's plate is full up the rest of the day: three more interviews (like this one, only 15 min-

utes), a sound check and a gig — all on an afternoon catnap.

But Redman's not complaining. Life for the 27-year-old saxophonist cruises faster than Charlie Parker tempos. In the last three years, Redman emerged from a tsunami of young lions to establish himself as the most important new musician in jazz. Once on a fast track for a law career, Redman now takes home the kind of cash even some lawyers dream about.

Combined record sales for his five Warner Bros. CDs have reached 500,000 units — over the top by jazz standards. "MoodSwing," his third recording, is approaching



Josh Redman: The Berkeley High alumnus is at the top of his chosen field.

300,000. Redman is currently touring behind his latest effort, "Freedom in the Groove," a heady blend of straight-ahead compositions, informed by rhythm and blues, hip-hop and funk. According to the

Gavin Report, "Freedom" was added to 76 stations in its first week of release, a record number for a mainstream jazz artist.

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'U.C. A Farce' actors (and director) Darryl Stephens, Paul Tena, Kegan Steelwell and John Fisher.

Fisher's focus on student life leads to new farce

By Carol Egan

When every publication in the area lauds your talent and originality, the next question you may ask yourself is "Where do you go from there?" John Fisher, UC graduate student and rising young star in the local theater community, hardly has time to pose such queries. He is far too busy with an assortment of projects to worry about what comes next.

Fisher, whose *Medea The Musical* continues to play to enthusiastic audiences at the Stage Door Theatre in San Francisco, admits to being exhausted by his current schedule. Fatigue is clearly visible in the dark circles under his eyes. For the past month he and the "Medea" cast have been spending their spare time rehearsing *U.C. A Farce*, a short one-act comedy about student life and loves that Fisher calls "a farce in the British tradition."

The playwright's stated goals in doing this play were simple. "I wanted to write something short. I didn't want any music or singing or dancing because

the minute you introduce dance into anything, you've trebled the rehearsal time. Also, I had never really worked on just a play, straight dialogue."

Fisher began working on *U.C. A Farce* while creating his play *Combat* for a Center for Theater Arts mainstage production last year. An antidote to the sombre material he was dealing with in *Combat*, a work based on the history of homosexuals within the armed forces, it was Fisher's way of lightening up.

"Part of the fatigue I'm feeling now is due to the fact that we've been rehearsing on our nights off," Fisher said. "For the past few weeks we've been going seven nights a week. We perform five nights and then rehearse the other two. It's really hard to do two shows at once. You begin to think that 'Medea' is set, but it's not. I give notes every night. We change things, we add things. So 'Medea' is always changing. It's like a production constantly in re-

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Holiday theater season begins

Families will like this 'Wizard'

By Phyllis Lyon

Families looking for a holiday theater treat can forget about grumpy old Scrooge and a boring *Nutcracker*. The Masquers' jolly production of *The Wizard of Oz* is just the ticket to make this season extra merry. The Pt. Richmond actors, kids and grownups, will be

dancing down the yellow brick road weekends through Dec. 21.

No Wiz with strange new songs, no wizard on ice, the Masquers' Wizard departs not a little or whit from the legendary 1939 MGM movie, kept alive for children who saw it in first run and generations since by annual reruns on TV. The company has freshened up the story by L. Frank Baum with its own ingenious touches, but the familiar music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. "Yip" Harburg still make it hard to stifle the impulse to sing "Ding, dong, the witch is dead" right along with them.

Heading the superbly cast ensemble, Zura Athena Young wears the ruby slippers with innocent elan as Dorothy Gale, the girl whirled into the wonderful Land of Oz by a tornado. Young, an El Cerrito High senior, out-Judies Garland with a poignant, light but true singing of "Over the Rainbow" and is eagerly spunky adventuring through Oz on her way back to Kansas.

Matching Margaret Hamilton cackle for cackle, Claudine Jones plays Miss Gulch, the persnickety dognapper down on the farm, and is

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Echos of the '60s: BSO plays Crumb

By Marilyn Tucker

The always provocative Berkeley Symphony took a good look at the 20th century, but did it in backward fashion in its concert last Saturday at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall.

Well-traveled music director Kent Nagano began the concert with a work containing many of the flavors of the musical counterculture of the '60s, George Crumb's *Echoes of Time and the River: Four Processionals for Orchestra*. Going back to 1931, Nagano and the splendid violinist Stuart Canin then offered the Stravinsky Violin Concerto, music that highlights the neoclassicism that was widespread in that decade. Finally, reaching back to the first part of the 20th century — the winter of 1901 — Nagano conducted the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius's Symphony No. 2, a large-scale work that, like it or not, is part of the grand summing up of the romantic 19th century.

In his opening remarks, Nagano allowed as how Crumb's "Echoes" had been on his conducting wish list for 25 or more years, ever since he had, as a teenager, sat in on a rehearsal of the piece by the San Francisco Symphony with Seiji Ozawa conducting. Ozawa's advice at the time? "You'll like this piece; it's crazy."

I remember the music of George Crumb, including this piece, as being actually soothing 25 years ago, at least in comparison with some of the sonic hell-raising that music listeners were subjected to. Crumb's music responded to a more serene impulse. *Echoes of Time and the River* is a ritual ceremony involving various groups of musicians entering and leaving the stage and hardly in the manner of Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony.

In this soundscape, all manner of sonic delicacies were permitted. Brass players would occasionally blow air only through their instruments, making a shushing sound that drew laughs. The pianist stood, ignoring the keyboard and plucking the strings inside the instrument.

Thirty years ago, when *Echoes of Time and the River* was written for the Chicago Symphony, we were receptive to anything that took us away from the formal logic of the serial composers and their boring mathematics. Today, it all seems pretty weird, as lovely percussion sounds compete for our attention with whispered mantras that can never be understood. Crumb's always-interesting music seems to contain an elusive spiritual sub-

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Fisher

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hearsal.

U.C. A Force opened Nov. 19 and will play every Tuesday night in repertory with "Medea." When asked if his actors, nearly all from the original "Medea" cast of students in the Department of Dramatic Art, were receiving more pay for the added production, Fisher responded "With this one, we go back to the old 'split the profits,' whereas with 'Medea' they're salaried. They get the same amount whether we have a good or a bad week at the box office, which I'm very happy about because I think it turns a semi-professional effort into a professional one."

Well on his way to developing an ongoing ensemble of actors, Fisher's admits, "It's weird. Without ever really intending to, I've got a theater company, which I'm very pleased about." The company remains primarily UC students and graduates from the Department of Dramatic Art. Just before our interview Fisher was in rehearsal with

current student, Jeremy Proctor, one of the featured actors in *Combat* last year and recently seen in *God's Country*. Proctor will be a temporary replacement for Matt Schmidt, who is taking a few days off. "We've been open so long, I've started instituting vacations just to give them some time off."

As for "Medea," it is currently scheduled to close in January, although that could also be extended a bit. Originally self-produced for a limited engagement at the Bayfront Theatre, its life was extended when

a producer saw it there and decided to move it to a more commercial location downtown. Perhaps history will repeat itself and open up more venues for it soon.

Ski country

Fisher and company are headed for the Aspen Comedy Festival in late February courtesy of HBO. "One of their representatives happened to come to the show one night. Without ever really telling us what was going on he sent his boss, then his boss sent the next boss. The

festival in Aspen is the Sundance or the Cannes of comedy. HBO developed it and subsidizes it. They invite directors, producers, writers, etc. We'll be flying out there for a week and after that we hope to take 'Medea' to another city."

Responding to rumors that he was courting Hollywood, or vice versa, Fisher admitted he had submitted a screenplay, which is making the rounds. Asked whether it was a musical, he said, "No, it's a lot like *Dr. Strangelove*. It's a satire, too, but it's about a university."

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stance that one grasps for but can never hold.

The Stravinsky Violin Concerto stands the test of time, and with a violinist like Stuart Canin, working in synch with Nagano and the Berkeley Symphony, the performance of 18th century dance music in 20th century form was memorable.

Canin and Nagano presented the concerto with the freedom and fer-

and even attached to our memories of its stars.

Though unable to recreate the stunning moment when the picture goes from black and white to technicolor, the Masquers have loosened up the old Wizard, set it free in the wilds of 1996. And, as any Freudian analyst will tell you, this dream has profound echoes in human hearts.

With exuberance, the Masquers touch all the secret bases, from their crazy tornado to "There's no place like home."

vent spirit of co-conspirators. The rhythmic games of the ment showed a witty spirit. Canin's lovely was at the forefront of movements. The displacements of the ment seemed to catch one offing to its subtle fasci-

The four-movement Second has had its long and champions over the Berkeley Symphony. ing good performance, formal grandness, paments, lushness of strings, fervor with an attitude that never faltered.

An air of melancholy the Sibelius Second, and movement when a tune for bassoons tugs over repeated plucking strings. Even with a large offer emotional resonance, lightning quick notes of tempered with a delicate dark undertones, workish pitch.

Redman

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Critics are calling Redman — who appears at Zellerbach Auditorium on Saturday at 8 p.m. — the Wynton Marsalis for the 1990s. Yet Redman wears his success with a reassuring modesty and politely stated confidence.

But why Redman?

"That's a tough question for me to answer because I think it's tough for me to objectively try to evaluate my music," he says, his voice perking up. "I do think there's something which I do as a musician which connects with people."

This year's Monterey Jazz Festival audiences were inclined to agree. At the end of a spellbinding cadenza to his ballad "Neverend," more than 6,000 people shot to their feet for a standing ovation. Redman was barely halfway through the set.

"When I play, what I try to do is really express myself honestly and directly at the moment... (and) try to create something which is spontaneous and emotionally meaningful," he continues.

But Redman recognizes that other factors color his rise to the top. "I think I was in the right place at the right time," Redman says. "I had a lot of breaks that went my

way. There was something about my story... which I think intrigued people as well."

Lots of options

Redman's story is a bit unusual. His father is Dewey Redman, the avant-garde tenor saxophonist and Ornette Coleman alumnus. His parents split up early on, and Joshua was raised in Berkeley by his mother, dancer/librarian Renee Shedroff. With his father's struggles as an example, Redman never planned on a career in music. Instead, he hit the books and finished valedictorian at Berkeley High School and summa cum laude at Harvard University.

Yale Law School accepted him, but Redman delayed his entrance and won first place in 1991's prestigious Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz competition. He ditched a life with the bar for life in the bars, signing with Warner Brothers.

Gigs with his dad and pianist Keith Jarrett followed. Soon after, he formed his first group, and released 1993's "Joshua Redman" and "Wish," the latter featuring veterans Billy Higgins on drums, Charlie Haden on bass and Pat Metheny on guitar.

"(But) I definitely don't fool

myself," Redman says of his success. "In the music business today... there are non-artistic factors at work."

Today, those factors include a marketing package usually reserved for pop icons.

He's already appeared on Charlie Rose with appearances planned for Rosie O'Donnell and Jay Leno. Details magazine is doing a feature story. Donna Karan's DKNY will outfit Redman's on-stage wardrobe and provide T-shirts for the tour, which kicked off at Los Angeles' House of Blues in September. The concert was simulcast over the club's Internet site and featured a cyber-chat with Redman.

Redman has his own home page on the World Wide Web (<http://www.joshuaedman.com>). And Warner is mixing two cuts from "Freedom," "Hide and Seek" and "Can't Dance," for smooth jazz radio format airplay. Meanwhile, the

must come in for critical licks. Making his dramatic debut anywhere, Ginsu, playing Dorothy's little dog Toto, often tried to upstage other singers and dancers during Wizard's second performance. Presumably Director John Hull taught him better for the rest of the run.

It's true that I have never seen a Masquer musical I didn't like and *The Wizard of Oz* is no exception. Nostalgically wonderful as it still is, the movie is forever captured in the sleek production values of 1939

tour will eschew jazz clubs for wide-appeal venues, such as New York's Bottom Line and concert halls.

Many young artists chafe emotionally when thrust into this kind of glaring spotlight. Redman handles it with grace. If, in fact, he's wrestling with some discomfort, he doesn't disagree with his management's direction.

"It's naturally uncomfortable for me—I would think for any artist—to hear or see their music and their art being talked about and approached as a commodity," says Redman, who doesn't call any of the shots. "I think there's something unnatural and disturbing about that. But it's possible to think and act like a musician and as a business person in the music industry as long as you know you're wearing those hats at completely different times and that you don't allow your decisions or your goals businesswise to impinge upon your musical deci-

sions."

It doesn't seem to matter. No one is accusing him of selling out.

"Every time you hear him, he's at a higher level," writes Peter Watrous in the New York Times. GQ rates Redman as a "fully formed master of the tenor saxophone." Time lauds his "fearless improvisational skill and mature melodic sense."

And, if that wasn't enough, guitarist Pat Metheny calls Redman "the most important new musician in 20 years."

"It's a great honor for someone like that — an idol of mine — to bestow that kind of compliment on me," Redman says.



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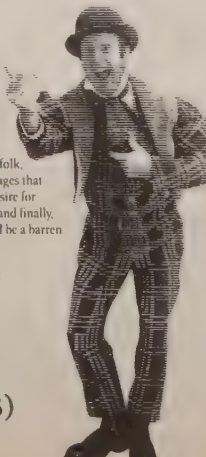
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MAYLE TANTAU

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After five years the hills blossom

To illustrate how fast the lot market is moving, I just listed a lot in Claremont Heights in Berkeley. The day following my inputting this lot on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) it went into contract. The seller was shocked to sell so quickly, the buyer was pleased to find a nice piece of property at a reasonable price, and I, as dual agent, am delighted to be representing both buyer and seller.

I've asked agents from other offices if lots for sale are receiving unusual interest. The answer is yes, the buyers are scrambling for the last good lots.

Another lot buyer of mine who is looking for a large lot with a view hasn't been as fortunate as the buyer purchasing in one day. Since there is so little on the market plus nothing that really suits this buyer, I have been pursuing owners of unlisted lots. Not an easy task for many reasons.

Obviously, if the lot is not on the market, the owner is not particularly motivated to sell. Many lot

owners don't want to sell because they are saving the property for their children.

Others say they don't want to deal with the capital gains upon selling. And still others are just waiting. Waiting for what, I am not sure. Maybe it's inertia, but who knows?

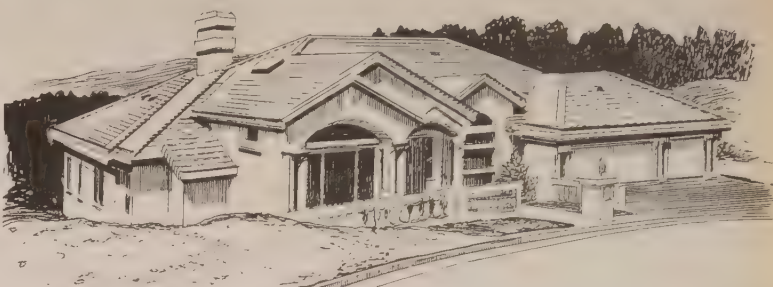
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Jim Carter

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Mediterranean living in Montclair

By Mark Wilson

"Location, location location!" goes an old real estate maxim. By that standard alone, the Montclair Valle Vista estate development stands above most previous such developments in the East Bay.

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Chiu and his wife immigrated to the United States from Taiwan in 1984, where he had constructed over 2,000 condominium units. After building single family homes in Daly City in 1986, Chiu and several partners bought 17 acres of land among gentle rolling hills in Mont-

clair in 1987. Their goal was to build luxury single family homes with individual designs and high standards of construction.

"Our idea was to make the only estate development in Montclair," explains Chiu. "We liked the privacy and beauty of the location." The partnership—which included developer Joanna Lioa, project manager Tim Chiu, along with architects, Klemmedson and Klemmedson, the Dahlin Group and S.J. Sung and Associates—completed the first phase of the project by building seven luxury homes on Alhambra Street in 1989.

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Fixed rates down; COFI rises slightly

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This is still the lowest the 30-year fixed has been since March 8, 1996, when it stood at 7.38 percent. In the fourth week of November, 1995 the 30-year fixed rate was 7.33 percent.

The average start rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) rose 2 basis points to 5.50 percent from last week's average of 5.48 percent.

The ARM average has not been at this level since March 8, 1996, when it averaged 5.40 percent. A year ago the ARM start rate was 5.60 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance arena, fell 2 basis points from last week's 7.06 percent to 7.04 percent.

This figure has also not been lower since the week ending

March 8, 1996 when it averaged 6.87 percent. This time last year this rate was 6.85 percent.

"With the 30-year fixed rate mortgages settling in around 7.5 percent, we anticipate that the ARM percentage of home purchases will begin to decline from its year-round high of 33 percent," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

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On Nov. 29 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for December payments at 4.839 percent, up less than a basis point from the 4.834 percent that was in effect for November payments.

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Leila Gough is an Associate Vice-President with A.G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at 273-8840.

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the 1991 Oakland Fire inspired. Chiu and his partners learned some valuable lessons from the tragedy. After the '91 fire," Chiu recalls, "the fire hazard problem was taken into account in the design of the homes. We used stucco on all the houses, and put fire hydrants on the street. We also used concrete tiles for roofs. They look like clay tiles,

but are less expensive to replace and more durable. This is important, because when you go up on the roof to replace a clay tile, it's easy to break some of the other tiles."

The overall style of the homes at Montclair Valle Vista is essentially Mediterranean, but no two homes are exactly alike. The house at 6111 Mazuela Drive for example has latticed windows, a raised recessed porch, and a red tiled roof.

Number 6101 Mazuela Drive has a balustrade walkway in front of the entrance, Tuscan columns along the facade, and a gray tiled roof. Several

prominent Bay Area architects were involved in the design of these homes, including Wayne Wu, Ron Kreminson, and The Laring Group.

The theme of individual design and high quality craftsmanship was carried over into the interior of each home.

Though the floor plans and details vary, the elements that all the homes have in common include: state-of-the-art kitchens with adjacent family rooms, multiple custom fireplaces, bonus rooms, high ceilings, a lavish use of granite and marble in the baths and living rooms, and fully sheetrocked three-car attached garages.

Barbara Hopper, the listing agent for the Montclair Valle Vista homes through Mason-McDuffie's Telegraph Avenue Berkeley office, described what it is about this community that makes it different from other estate developments in the Bay Area.

"It's not your typical high-end tract development," she says. "Each of the homes is excitingly different

in its own way. All the rooms are spacious, and they are arranged to take advantage the various spectacular views of the Bay, San Francisco, and Marin to the west, and the canyons to the east."

There is one more reason why the standards at Montclair Valle Vista are so high.

"Most developers don't live in their own developments," observes Tommy Chiu. "But I have to make certain the quality of all the homes in this community is good—because I live here myself."

The homes for sale in Montclair Valle Vista are four and five bedrooms, ranging in size from 4,500 to 5,000 square feet. The prices range from \$889,000 to \$925,000.

To experience the homes for yourself, take the Thornhill exit off Highway 13, turn left onto Thornhill Drive right onto Mountain Blvd., left onto Colton, and left onto Mazuela Drive.

For more information, call Barbara Hopper at Mason McDuffie at 845-0200.

Tantau...

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mahogany, slate, stained glass, etc...

Since life is full of changes, some of these special custom homes have come on the market. The question is, will the seller get a good return on his money for all the special or unique amenities? There is no yes or no answer here. A willing buyer may come along and like everything in the custom home as much as the seller.

Generally speaking, though, special amenities are for the enjoyment of the homeowner while living in the house.

Many sellers of these custom homes will tell you what their homes cost to build which is usually an exorbitant amount. They also feel their homes should sell for the building costs.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case which can be very upsetting and disappointing to the seller. The reality is that many custom homes cost more to build than what the market can bear (the market value).

Last fall, for example, I listed a custom house way up in the Montclair hills which cost well over a million dollars to build. It was beautifully crafted with exquisite finishes.

However, the building costs far ex-

ceeded the market value and the house sold for several hundred thousand less than the building costs.

For buyers, the custom house can be a real bargain. The catch is, you have to like the custom finishes and design suited to the preferences of someone else.

An alternative to the custom house is, of course, the spec house. The term "spec" has almost become a dirty word for some.

Many of the spec houses in the burn area generally cover every inch of land allowed by the Planning Commission, and they can be very plain and uninteresting.

Many a contractor's building philosophy seems to have been based on quantity and not quality.

However, the plain spec house can offer buyers the opportunity to add their own personal touches. Also, if a good architect is involved in the design and building, the results can be very nice.

The recovery of the neighborhoods in the burn area has been phenomenal. The opportunity to own a new house within the Oakland or Berkeley city limits is quite unusual.

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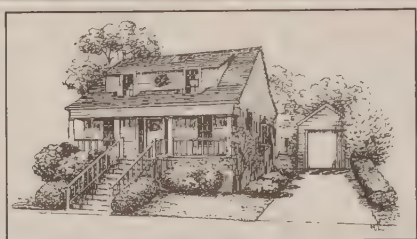
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TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$129,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$210,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$178,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$211,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$760,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$362,681

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TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$259,500

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$125,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$112,000

KENSINGTON
TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$165,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$357,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$261,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$657,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$251,428

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$476,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$800,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$638,250

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$112,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$355,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$190,500

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$167,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$161,000

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Freddie Mac raises loan limits for 1997

Freddie Mac today announced that it will increase its single-family mortgage loan limit from \$207,000 to \$214,000, effective January 1, 1997.

The new limit is consistent with the increase in the Federal Housing Finance board's (FHFB) national average home price series, after accounting for the decline in the average home price that occurred between October '92 and October '94.

Effective for deliveries after January 1, 1997, the new loan limits for mortgages on one-to-four family properties will be:

- \$214,600 for mortgages on one-family properties (up from \$207,000);
- \$274,550 for mortgages on two-family properties (up from \$264,750);
- \$331,850 for mortgages on

three-family properties (\$320,050), and a \$412,450 for on four-family properties (\$397,800).

Maximum origination amounts are 50 percent of first mortgages on properties in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Freddie Mac is a privately owned corporation established in 1970 to ensure a continuous flow of funds to lenders in support of their ownership and rental housing.

Freddie Mac purchases mortgages from lenders and then issues securities to investors.

Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors to six homebuyers in Alaska.

Electricity hands-on at BEC

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream.

On Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sun. Dec. 8, BEC will offer: a Hands-

On Electrical Workshop. BEC presents two workshops on Sun., Dec. 15: "Paint Surface Transformation" and "Cabinet Refinishing." Call BEC at 525-7610 for information.



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SPANISH ESTATE - LOCATION/VIEW \$1,450,000
Integrity, taste & understated elegance keynote this 5000 sq ft vintage 1/2 acre urban estate overlooking Piedmont and the Bay. 4+BR, 4+BA, gated, prestige!

D. C. HODGES 339-8400



NEW SPANISH HOME \$610,000
Piedmont Pines. Quality 3+BR, packed with distinction & style. Set back from street in private canyon setting. Plus room on main level for den/guest room.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400



PRESTIGE HOME IN PREMIER LOCATION \$469,000
3BR, 3.5BA in Upper Rockridge. Spacious sunken LR with high ceilings/fireplace, view. Stunning kitchen/FR combo with extensive use of granite. Two master suites, FDR, gorgeous backyard w/lawn area.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



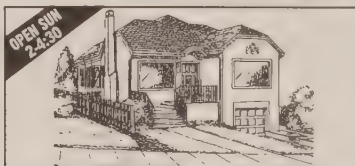
STARTING PACKING! \$340,000
4BR, 3BA Ranch in Piedmont Pines w/large courtyard & deck. Wonderful open floorplan w/skylit LR, two-sided brick FP, hardwood rem kitchen, hwdw flrs, big rampus, SF view.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



IF YOU WANT SECLUSION... \$289,000
You will love this 3+BR, 2BA Montclair home. Sunny, enclosed atrium, plank oak flrs, beamed ceiling in living room, FDR, deck off kitchen, large master suite, private level backyard.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



CROCKER HIGHLANDS - BEST VALUE \$229,950
Just listed - relocated seller priced to sell, clean, sharp home, new, dual pane windows, eat-in-kitchen, formal dining room, workshop, garage w/interior access, fireplace in LR; yard.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216



OLD & QUIANT BUT UP-TO-DATE \$199,500
Circa 1900 with updated baths, kitchen traditional double parlor, upstairs sunroom w/deck and fenced private yard. See this classic home now!

EDITH MARCUS 339-9281



EXQUISITE RESTORATION COMPLETE \$180,000
Come home to a by-gone era! Gorgeous Victorian - updated w/ quality and historical accuracy in mind! 4BR/2BA, double-staircase, new kitchen/baths & more!

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

BROWN SHINGLE INCOME PROPERTY\$545,000
4-plex plus office with \$48,000 gross dead-end street above rose garden. Much remodeling done. Architect derived w/expansion plans available, much more.

NICK LAVROV 339-8400

SUN-FILLED CONTEMPORARY\$529,000
Prestigious Piedmont Pines. Like new 3+BR in private peaceful setting. Many upgrades. Plus rooms for home office/au pair room. Walk to regional park trails.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

JULIA MORGAN - STYLE HOME + \$40K \$375,000
Vintage Adams Point architectural beauty! Huge, elegant 2BR, 2BA, 1st floor flat w/3 frplc, hrdwd, beams, garden. 9 separate rental rooms produce huge return!

D.C. HODGES 339-8400

GREAT SPACE & LOCATION\$339,750
Close-in Montclair location & lots of space on 3 levels. Yard, decks and great private patio too! Combined families, in-home office or 5BR, 5BA.

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

CLASSIC PIEDMONT BUNGALOW\$325,000
Traditional 3BR, 2BA on quiet street. Great detail, large formal rms, hwdw flrs. Updated eat-in kitchen, mstr suite. Level, cute yard with fountain.

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400 x239

DESIGN & CRAFTSMANSHIP SUPERB ...\$305,000
Close in Montclair and great style: 2 brick frplc's, clear redwood paneling, walls of glass, vaulted ceiling, level-out yard & private patio! 3BR, 2BA. A-1 unique.

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

BEST BUY - UPPER OAKMORE\$285,000
Reduced again! 3BR, 2BA A-1 condition, private setting, beamed ceiling, kitchen leads to patio, family room w/2nd fireplace, seller very motivated. Open Sunday.

MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

HOME WITH BAY VIEW, PRICED TO SELL\$284,950
OPEN SUNDAY! 4BR, 3BA contemp w/pano bay views. Large deck off of living room, master suite w/gorgeous bath, family room off kitchen.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216

GREAT FAMILY HOME AND VALUE!\$275,000
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. New listing. Beautiful canyon view. Rec room/office, hardwood floors, decks and tony view. Great floor plan. 3BR, 2BA.

CARIN CAROE 339-8400

PRIVATE COMPOUND W/PANO VIEW\$269,000
New listing! Open Sun 2-4:30. Farmhouse charm with updated modern conveniences, all on approx 1/4 acre. 2+ bedrooms w/lots of space. 1.5 baths.

HOWARD RODKIN 339-8400

MINI MANSION IN ADAMS POINT\$268,500
Large traditional 4BR, 1+BA, sun porch, rampus room w/separate entrance, plenty of off street parking, walking to lake, shopping & public transit.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216

A RARE DISCOVERY\$259,000
Big house for medium budget. High ceiling, bay view, decks, 2 master bedroom, tastefully remodeled. In law potential. Large garage, private.

SAM GHADERI 531-6712

HILL AREA CONTEMPORARY VALUE!\$239,000
Spacious 4BR, 2.5BA home. Nearly new, tasteful eat-in kitchen, big family room, formal dining too! Fresh paint throughout. Owner motivated!

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400 x239

GREAT CITY & BAY VIEWS, GREAT PRICE\$230,000
Where else can you find this great view for this price! 3BR, 1.5BA, deck off living room, eat-in kitchen, rampus room. Don't miss this. Call today!

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216

BEAR-SIZED HOME AT HONEY OF A PRICE ..\$225,000
This home just became sweeter with price reduction. Lots of room for your cubs to roam on quiet street. Near park, 3BR, 2.5BA, eat-in kitchen.

MARY J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN\$219,000
Superb value for this 2-story charmer. Gleaming hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, expandable attic. Quiet street and level yard, too.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

OAKLAND HILLS, ORCHARD SETTING\$212,000
Glorious fruit trees on a third of acre nearly level lot. Delightful 1 level home, open beam ceiling, soaring brick fireplace. 3BR, 2BA, family room.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

REDUCED 15K - CHINA HILL\$199,000
Charming traditional 3BR, 2.5BA, freshly painted, move-in condition, sunny spacious rooms, close to lake, transportation, seller motivated.

MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

STUCK IN AN APARTMENT?\$185,000
Upper Glenview condo nestled among single family homes offers no maintenance, 1200 sq ft, 2 BR including master suite, 2 baths, fireplace for less than \$1500 per month!

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP FOURPLEX\$184,900
Great units with upside potential desirable Temescal area, 2-2BR, 1BA, 2-1BR, 1BA units. Newly renovated, easy rental. Near all convenience. Call today.

ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

LOW, JUST GOT LOWER\$172,000
Believe it or not, panoramic view, sunny, extra office, large yard. Easy commute to SF. Under 200 K. Not a drive by. You should see inside.

SAM GHADERI 531-6712

OVERLOOKING THE ROSE GARDEN\$159,000
Stroll thru rose garden to Grand Lake shopping, or head to Piedmont Ave! 2BR, 1BA, fireplace, Rose Park Terrace condo, roof sundeck, security parking.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

GREAT ASSUMABLE LOAN\$154,000
Clean, sharp home, 2BR, 1BA on Maxwell Park Hill, FDR, rec room or den, split level, attached garage w/door opener, ready to move in. Call today!

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

STYLE AND SUNLIGHT!\$149,000
Sophisticated end unit condo that has been exquisitely remodeled with granite countertop, maple cabinets, sub-zero refrig & much more!

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

SWEET AS A SONNET\$147,000
This quaint English cottage oozes charm with its half-timber facade, cozy living room w/fireplace, romantic dining room; arched doorways, call re great financing.

M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

IMMACULATE & AFFORDABLE\$147,000
Great starter home in Glenview. Updated kitchen & bath, spacious rooms, sunny & private yard, near all conveniences, a must see - call today.

ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

SHORT ON CASH?\$146,000
No money down for qualified buyer! Bright, spacious with full basement & garage! Pay closing costs and move in! Formal dining, hardwood, big yard!

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

SHORT SALE OPPORTUNITY!\$138,000
Good buy above High St. updated kitchen and bath, open dining room. Seller's loss-your gain!

MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9583

IF YOU RENT, YOU CAN OWN!\$132,000
Owning a home is easier than you think. Especially this 2BR, 2BA bargain. Spacious with lots of potential. Start the new year off right!

ANGELA LAWSON 530-6099

HOME FOR NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAYS\$120,000
Start 1997 in your own home. 2+BR, 1+BA near Mills College, hwdw flrs, frplc, laundry room, large sunny kitchen, separate garage, garden, fruit trees, dog run etc.

NICK LAVROV 339-8400

NEW LISTING - PIEDMONT PINES CONDO\$120,000
Above Hi #13. Woodminster shopping. 2 bedroom, terrace, A.E.K. private, very quiet, pastoral view. Laundry Seprate garage. 16 units total. Renewed kitchen.

HAL CASTLE 339-8400

VINTAGE CRAFTSMAN & HUGE LOT!\$115,000
Lots of original wood details & built-ins in this 2 bedroom. Rosedale area home. Large kitchen, huge level yard perfect for gardening.

SEKI CHIKAMI 339-8400

JUST LISTED ... DUPLEX!\$114,500
One bedroom each. Garage for each unit. Long time tenants. Rents can be improved. Seller will credit for pest control clearance. Live in one, rent other.

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

BACK ON THE MARKET!\$110,000
Fruitvale. Lovely 2BR, formal dining, hwdw flrs, fireplace, dated kitchen and bath. Estate sale will credit for pest control clearance.

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

VACANT - MOVE-RIGHT IN!\$110,000
New Chinatown off 14th Ave. 2 bedroom, corner location, open kitchen w/breakfast room. Formal dining, fireplace in living room, 1 car garage.

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

SEXY PENTHOUSE PAD - LIKE NYC\$97,500
Elegantly/totally refurbished spacious 1-bedroom. Vaulted w/ fireplace & city skyline view. Built-as-condo. In-unit W/D. Bus at door, walk to BART. Value!

D.C. HODGES 339-8400

Proposition 218, now what?

H. W. Moss
The immediate impact of the passage of Proposition 218, the latest in a series of California ballot initiatives attacking property taxes which began with Proposition 13 in 1978, is relatively minor. That's because there is an 18-month to two-year grace period built into the legislation. During that time municipal governments will have to pass the needed assessments with the voters or find alternative methods of funding public projects.

But the long term picture is clear: this constitutional amendment reduces local and state governments' ability to raise fees for services. It is expected to cost public agencies over \$100 million in the first year and will eventually transfer much of the power of local elected officials to Sacramento.

"The people have spoken. They said, 'Don't tax us without asking. And we'll let you know how much we should be taxed.' It's a democratic argument, one that wins the polls.

It is now illegal for local governments to increase property taxes, usually under the rubric of "special assessments," to pay for

such general services as police and fire departments, libraries, parks and recreational facilities, lighting, landscaping and public transportation without first getting two-thirds of the voters to agree to raise their own taxes to pay for these services. Basically, Prop. 218 says that assessments of a general benefit to the community are not legal.

"Clearly people voted for this because they are angry with the inefficiency of government," observed Tom Lockard, a principal with Stone & Youngberg LLC, an investment bank specializing in local government tax exempt municipal bonds. "Are they angry with the police? The fire department? Or are they angry with their Senator's last junket?"

Lockard believes Prop. 218 will create a greater drive to increase consumption taxes, such as sales taxes, to pay for city services. It will certainly add to the expense of local government by increasing the number of items which must be voted on in every election. And, in the long run, it shifts the ability to pay for local services away from the community and toward Sacramento.

"It completely negates the whole notion of representative

government," said Lockard. In the past, a city council or board of supervisors could increase property assessments to pay for something of general benefit such as police services. Prop. 218 negates that.

If the municipality can identify a percentage cost of improvements for a specific property, a new road that benefits only certain homes for example, they can still use assessment bonds. But in reality, local municipalities depend on income from real estate taxes to pay for many services which do not benefit a specifically identifiable number of properties and, instead, add quality to everyone's lifestyle.

For property owners, the effect is more immediate and not just because their property taxes may be reduced. The value of an individual parcel of real estate is affected by how good or poor these community services are. Change the level of service and you change the desirability of the community.

For example, it is a selling point for homes located in the city of Albany, which is in Alameda County, that the Albany city council voted to have its own paramedic response team. Property owners were assessed to pay for the privilege. The result is fast emergency service with a slightly higher property tax rate.

No city council or board of supervisors may do this again in California under Proposition 218. Instead, the new service must be put in front of the voters and it must win more than two-thirds of them over in order for the service to be funded.

Another example: The city of Los Angeles receives about \$51 million annually from property taxes to help prevent and fight wildfires. Any increases which may arise to pay for this year's Malibu fires must now go to the voters.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but it is hard to imagine West Covina voters taxing themselves to pay for

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TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 173 in a series of true experiences in real estate

There are only the two of us in our office and sometimes I get lonely. I want to be around other agents, be privy to their real estate stories, share their sorrows and successes.

That is why I recently asked our friend Liz Stevens, manager of the Berkeley Mason McDuffie office on Telegraph Avenue, if we might be allowed to attend one of their office meetings.

I had this idea that she might say no. Sometimes at office meetings agents talk about listings they're expecting to get and what has gone wrong with sales they are working on; they might want to keep this information inside the office. But Liz said, "Absolutely, we'd love to have you any time, please come."

And so we went and it was quite wonderful. I greatly enjoyed being in a group of about 30 agents and listening to what they had to say. There was a lot of energy in that room and that felt good.

There were occasional humorous remarks and everyone laughed and I liked that. And I liked it that Liz and the other agents were glad to offer whatever they could to anyone with questions or problems.

There was no outside speaker at this office meeting, just routine business. Property flyers and seminar announcements were passed around the room. Price reductions were announced and agents were congratulated on closed sales.

Bigger offices tour their new listings together after the meeting, so a list was circulated of these. Then everyone rose up at once to hurry out to look at them.

Several people called back that they were glad we'd come, hoped we'd come again, and, hey, would

After five years the hills blossom

we like to attend the marketing meeting that afternoon. We said we would.

There were about a dozen agents at the marketing meeting, all sitting around a large table. They were there to decide which events the office would be sponsoring over the next few months, plan their newspaper advertising, and talk about their Christmas party plans.

What surprised us was the obvious interest each of these people brings to these things. In many of offices agents concern themselves solely with their own promotion — not that of the office.

The image of the office—ads, promotions, style—is decided on by the brokerage without input from the agents who work there. It's the bosses who set the budget and choose how it is spent.

In this office we were hearing suggestions for publicity from the agents. They were quick to volunteer to collect more information when it was needed and to say how they'd help carry out final plans. We've never seen decision-by-committee work so smoothly.

They talked about getting to know the neighbors living near their office. This summer they held a flea market in their parking lot, an event they'll repeat, and now they are thinking of having a plant sale. They discussed using historical Berkeley building photos on calendars and mailings.

Someone said that a friend misses the house photos that used to be in the office window. She wanted to know if they would be put back in. Yes, come the answer, a new format was about to be tried soon.

Someone else showed the group the newspaper ads for the following week. People talked about what the heading should be.

Everyone seemed to be in fine humor, to get along well, to be willing to listen and to bend to the opinions of others. Amazing.

We asked if we might see how their computer software for preparing listing information works. We

don't have this software ourselves. So after the meeting one agent friend demonstrated how it works.

With this program, it is possible to choose comparable sales, then have them printed in an attractive format to give to sellers.

Several other agents stood around to watch the demonstration and to talk. One asked what we've been giving sellers and we said that we usually write a letter citing comparable sales. But we don't have the graphs and such that the computer program includes.

That gave her an idea: Would we be willing to tell this Mason McDuffie group how we handle listing presentations? Would we tell how we give information to a seller about what we think his house is worth and why we hope he will list with us?

It just goes to show how relaxed we all were that she asked the question. For obvious reasons, agents tend to be very competitive. Mostly they don't share their secrets.

And yet, I'm sure there isn't one of us who isn't curious about how other agents operate. I know we are. We never have the chance to see what another agent does to get a listing what he or she says, suggests, promises.

We said we'd do it. We said that every seller and every property is different and that we may look at things differently than other people, but we'd be glad to tell them what we do.

Maybe we could pick an example and talk about it. "Yes," they said, "pick one and recreate it for us."

I have to say that I am very excited about this. Sharing information with other agents—and no doubt hearing their ways of doing things in return—is a great concept. All of us can't help but be richer for it.

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OAKLAND / PIEDMONT



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Architectural details abound in this secluded home designed by Clarence Tantau in 1930. SF view, 5+BR, 5+BA & au pair. 428-0900, 644-5401

GRACIOUS PIEDMONT GEM! \$699,000
Mediterranean 5+BR, kitchen opens to level garden, walk to great schools, large rooms, storage galore! Lovely! LESLIE GORDON 428-0900

UPSCALE ROCKRIDGE CONDO \$395,000
Panoramic view, large deck, exquisitely decorated 2BR, 2BA luxury unit. Central heat, top floor unit, extras galore. IRENE PETTIS 428-0900

PENTHOUSE \$160,000
Two-story penthouse. Walk to Piedmont and Grand Avenues. This unit has an Eastern view, features 2BR, 2BA, fireplace, secure parking, doorman. 1,600 sq. ft. DARRIN 834-2010

ROCKRIDGE TOWNHOUSE \$152,500
Spacious 1,200+ sq. ft. condo with security gate, storage, garage & private patio. Pets o.k. Near BART & shops. This is a deal! 2BR, 1.5BA, 2 stories, great condition. ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211

BERKELEY / ALBANY

THE ENCHANTED "BELLAMY" \$569,000
Newly remodeled from top to toe! Fabulous bay view is crowning glory to this beautiful home. Unlike anything on the market today! SAM REINDLER 527-9800

NORTH BERKELEY JEWEL \$429,000
Just listed! Gracious 2-story traditional 3BR, 2BA. Two extra rooms. Lovely wainscoting & built-ins. Nice yard /deck. JIM HEDGES 287-9001, 848-6222

FORGET THE LAWN MOWER! \$209,000
Move right in to this elegant spacious (over 1,600 sq. ft.) 2BR, 2BA condo with fireplace, swimming pool, parking, Great walking, shopping, transportation area. FRAN/JEAN 849-3711, 273-9319

BERKELEY / ALBANY

MIXED USE FIXER \$185,000
Historic architecture / good store front, needs work. 2BR apt on 2nd floor. Good condition / great attic. BARBARA HOPPER 845-0200, 635-4839

OWN FOR PRICE OF RENTING! \$149,500
2BR one level condo in architecturally distinct bldg. Entry way, hwd floors, frpl, eat-in kitchen, parking & more. Walk to UC campus & Shattuck shops. HELENE BARKIN 849-3711, 273-9312

ALAMEDA

RARE FIND INVESTMENT \$695,000
Located in Central Alameda, close to City Hall & High School. Excellent tenant! \$98K income! Good for owner use! RINGO 834-2010, 287-5849

EAST END VICTORIAN \$312,000
3BR, 2BA home featuring east end schools, full basement, fireplace, sunporch, formal dining, separate 1BR unit. Probate sale. DARRIN 834-2010

WEST COUNTY

ELEGANT RESTORATION \$385,000
Price reduced on this 3+BR home in the Mira Vista district. Formal LR & DR, library and breakfast room. Sunny, modern kitchen, over 3,000 sq. ft. Bay, SF and Bridge views. RANDY MORTON 527-9800

UNIQUE KENSINGTON HOME \$295,000
Charming 4BR, 2BA home with bay view, hwd floors, beautiful heart of redwood living room. Great Kensington Park location. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

LOTS FOR SALE

ATTENTION: DEVELOPERS! \$295,000
5 contiguous lots in otherwise built-out family neighborhood. Buy now for Spring start! Seller may carry. JON DUNN 869-4215

PANORAMIC BAY VIEW LOTS! \$125,000
Two lots with panoramic bay views, side by side, located at the end of a cul-de-sac. ED MARSHALL 339-9290

LOT IN SCENIC TRINITY \$50,000
Vacant lot, 40 acres in Shasta-Trinity recreation area. Scenic views, mountains, lush forests, pristine rivers, streams and lakes. GEORGE 843-2010, 839-7158

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21 PARK WAY \$649,500
Spacious 3-story traditional w/elegant living/formal dining. 5+ sunny bedrooms. Try seller financing LINDA MCCLAIN

OAKLAND

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

4232 RIDGEMONT COURT NEW EXCLUSIVE \$429,000
Spacious Ridgmont home on cul-de-sac with 2700 sq. feet. Family room, eat-in kitchen, elegant master, fabulous built-in pool and landscaped grounds. SHERRY BENNINGER

4238 RIDGEMONT COURT NEW EXCLUSIVE \$389,900
This distinctive Ridgmont home features a spacious open floor plan with a desirable cul-de-sac location 4 bdrms/2 1/2 baths, master suite & family room. SHERRY BENNINGER

6479 ASCOT DRIVE \$384,500
New Outside Color. Top-quality remodeled 3/2 1/2 w/fabulous kit. Level in & private w/views & decks. JUDY RANKANKAN

6116 TAFT AVENUE NEW PRICE \$384,000
Old World Charm. 1912 Brown Shingle w/3 bdrms & 2 updated baths 2 sun rooms & formal dining w/built-ins. J. RANKANKAN

6868 CHAMBERS DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$324,500
Magical Montclair Hide-away. Three bedrooms/two baths, secluded front yard with pond and hot tub. New kitchen, private rear deck & two-car garage. KAREN STARR

1093 CLARENDON CRESCENT \$304,500
Located on a wonderful tree-lined street. Spacious formal living/dining, 3 bedrooms & large sep. studio. JAMES GARCIA

7350 WOODROW AVENUE \$369,000
Stunning Montclair Contemporary on double lot. 3+2+2, hillside garden & plus room (fam room or 4th bdrm). KURT BUCHHOLZ

4656 REDWOOD ROAD \$269,000
Distinctive townhouse. Garden entry. 2/2 1/2 w/formal living/dining & patio. Close to shops and trans. ANGELA WEIGRUBB

9 DULWICH ROAD NEW EXCLUSIVE \$265,000
Bright, updated Bungalow with all original detail and 1929 fireplace. Charming 3/1, close to schools. ED KUO

PIEDMONT

By Appointment

TENNIS COURT & VIEW \$1,690,000
Exquisite 5 1/2 S home designed by Wm Wurster. Garages for 5 cars. Wonderful view & garden. MARION SCHWARTZ

WILLOW AVENUE \$1,575,000
Distinguished John Hudson Thomas architectural treasure. Appalachian Oak Wainscoting. 7 1/2 S MARION SCHWARTZ

CENTRAL LOCATION \$1,250,000
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When looking for value there's more than price

Prices remain steady, but condition of homes is way up. From time to time the Chronicle runs what appears to be a well researched report on property values. You should understand that these are in fact very optimistic reports.

Prices are not the only evidence of value. Most properties sold in 1989 were not in as high quality condition then as when resold today. Today kitchens, yards, baths, floors, etc. have been redone. Often sellers have invested \$50,000 to \$100,000 in improving a home that sells today for just a tad more than it brought at the top of the market.

A real beauty in Elmwood with \$100,000 of recent improvements sold at just above its purchase price of 5 years ago. It goes to show that not all improvements pay off, but that improvements are necessary to maintain value.

Inspections are much more thorough (read brutal) today than in the late eighties. Consequently the buyer is often in a position to demand that items raised by the inspection be repaired or funds credited.

If you are a 1989 buyer who is selling now, you may well still sell for a bit more than then, if you have upgraded the home considerably and if you are in a prime location.

Location, Location, Location

Currently Rockridge is hot hot hot. It is hard to sell a similar home in Central Berkeley for within \$30-40,000 of the Rockridge price. Rockridge prices are up since 1989 and Central Berkeley prices, with a lower crime rate, are lower. Fashions change.

When I was in Piedmont with the Grubb Co. almost everything there sold. Recently there is great availability. Fashions change.

It's much easier to sell a pricey home in Berkeley now than an average one. Fashions change. Sellers need to aware of the market prices in their area. Buyers will find the best buys in areas that are not currently in fashion.

Positive items help sales and improve value: Just as there are people who cannot catch a pass and sports stars who can, there are houses that just sell fast and ones that just sell slow. A yard, a great yard or a potentially great yard is an overwhelming favorite with buyers. A great yard can overcome otherwise insurmountable house condition problems.

Another big plus is any extra room or rooms that can be used for offices, bedrooms, nanny or live in grandmas, etc. A five or six bedroom 3100 sq. ft. fixer upper with a great yard sold at \$479,000.

Three houses down is a much more beautiful and fully finished home of the same size, on a corner lot, with no back yard and one of four bedrooms converted to a bath. This home is still unsold and is now priced lower than the one sold three doors down. A yard really counts; bedrooms really count.

The condition and presentation of a house are very important in preparing it for sale. These include cleanliness, new paint, flowers and tidy landscaping, the removal of clutter, clean windows, etc. Get the advice of a pro — a decorator or Realtor — for help with these details.

The Color Orange and other Negatives

Robert Bruss, whose articles appear in the Chronicle and elsewhere, recently referred a house with an obvious physical flaw that the seller would not fix. The home sold for 90 percent of the asking price. There are many houses like this. If your house has a feature that is just not popular, fix it, or be prepared to discount for it.

In an article last fall I told you

about three orange sofas that we took to the dump before we re-marketed a house that had not sold with other agents. The home sold.

Two years ago there was a person who had painted the outside of her home a distinct orange. This year I ran into an orange tub in a bedroom. Much as I like the color from my (orange and black) collegiate days, it doesn't sell houses today.

Similarly houses on corners (no back yard), houses on main streets (noise, safety), houses with brick foundations (earthquake, insurance) and other fixer type problems need to be discounted to be attractive to the buyer. I have become particularly expert, to my great dismay, at selling houses on corners.

It takes a lot of extra effort, and the right price. I do like selling houses on busy streets, because we often find people who are very happy to buy a large house and yard at the more reasonable price that a busy location allows.

If your property has a problematic feature, fix it or adjust your price accordingly. Your house will sell despite its problems if it is priced correctly. We just sold a totally gutted Victorian duplex on the corner of Martin Luther King and Haste for \$185,000 to buyers who will make very good use of it.

Who is buying and when

Market your home when there are lots of buyers in the market. This can happen in the spring. It can also happen when interest rates start to increase. This spring we had lots of buyers and increasing interest rates.

Hence, a very brisk market. If interest rates are seen to be increasing this fall, there will be plenty of buyers trying to beat the increase.

Another matter of good timing is selling when people are moving to town or cashing in their stock

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those whom they perceive as wealthy coastal residents.

Want to earthquake retrofit your local library or museum? You may if you take the money from the general fund. Nothing prohibits local government from using the General Fund but that can easily run dry. Its coffers are not filled to a pre-specified amount and fluctuate primarily with income from sales taxes.

The big motor for compact communities like San Francisco is sales tax and hotel tax revenue. Both are subject to a continuing good economy. Back to the museum retrofitting. In the same election wherein Prop. 218 passed, San Francisco voters were unable to pass Prop. B which would have seismically upgraded the de Young

Museum.

Although 62 percent of the voters, much more than a majority, agreed to increase their own taxes to pay for the job, the proposition failed because four more percent needed to be in favor of it. Prop. 218 also requires that 66 percent of the voters agree.

There are exemptions in Prop. 218 for water, sewer and solid waste but these, too, have notice provisions that allow for community protest which can trigger a vote.

Most industry observers say it is difficult to say exactly what affect Prop. 218's passage will have. But if after two years voters don't approve of an increased assessment, the law requires existing special assessments must be set aside.

Yet Prop. 218 remains unclear on a few concepts. Oakland, for

example, continues to use a special assessment tax increase was in the works prior to Prop. 218. If the tax ultimately must be paid by the city, the mean time be paid by the city as large a problem. "But sprawling communities like Los Angeles and San Jose will. As they annex portions of the county they assess the district in the previously zoned area."

That's no longer possible. For a pre and post-election analysis of Proposition 218, visit <http://www.netno.com>

H.W. Moss is a licensed real estate associate with TCI Francisco. He also writes and has a website. You can find it at <http://www.netno.com>

Getting rid of hazardous waste

This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage.

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The Berkeley Artisans 1996 free self-guided tour **Holiday Open Studios** continues on Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through December 22. Over 100 artists and craftspeople at 31 studio buildings throughout South and West Berkeley are participating, showing functional and decorative ceramics, art furniture, blown glass, sculpture, dolls, jewelry, textiles and wearable art. All work is hand-crafted and many pieces are one-of-a-kind. Admission is free. Artisan's maps are available at 1250 Addison St., #214 in Berkeley Call 845-2612 for other map distribution points.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to plan your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat and Sun., Dec. 7 and 8 BEC presents a hands-on **Electrical Workshop**. On Sun., Dec 15 BEC offers **Faux Finishes: Surface Transformation with Paint and Cabinet Refacing**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

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The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI/SFBA) hosts its regular monthly meeting 6 p.m., Wed., Dec. 11 at the Showplace Square, Two Henry Adams St., San Francisco. Advanced reservations for this annual Christmas party are requested. The \$25 ticket includes food, wine or beverage, desert and program. Call (415) 985-7058 for reservations and information.

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- CROCKER HIGHLANDS...\$299,000 Quality & charm! 3BD/1BA, plus room, formal dining, remodeled kitchen, hdwd flrs, secluded back yard, 2-car garage. Kathy Flynn
- SELLERS WANT OFFER!... Great separation of space! 3BD/2BA including master suite, updated kitchen, stunning LR, frpl, huge back yard. L...
- CHARMING HIDEAWAY - PIEDMONT... Adorable 2BD/1BA home with beautiful kitchen and bath and seclusion, deck and sunny garden. Deb Fitzgerald
- REDWOOD HEIGHTS CONTEMPORARY... Wonderful home with city/bay views and park-like setting. 3BD/2BA, updated eat-in kitchen, great deck. Vole...
- ONE LEVEL LIVING!... Move-in condition! Choice large lot with hill view, room off kitchen, hardwood floors, beautiful...
- SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE... Lovely 3BD/2BA unit with master suite, large place, eat-in kitchen, back yard, patio, 2-car garage
- REDWOOD HEIGHTS STARTER... Great location, tremendous extension potential, eat-in kitchen, dining area opens to back yard
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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1996 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RV's, Trucks. Thank you

CARS for \$125. Seized and sold legally by IRS, DEA, FBI 800-522-2730, ext. 2714

DODGE 1996, Caravan Blue, 7 passenger seat, ing. V-6 engine, 500 miles \$14,500. Fax 625-7274

FORD, Econoline Van, 1985. Wheelchair lift equipped with tie-downs and adjustable driver's seat \$4500. Phone Bob, 232-1306 or 652-5102

FORD Granada GLX, 1981, 6 cylinder, 2 door, automatic, leather, power, 74K \$1200/ offer 510-835-2277

MERCEDES Benz, 300E, 1986, one owner/ all records, 156K miles, smoke silver with burgundy leather \$9400 or best offer 510-893-1985

PONTIAC Bonneville, 1993 All power, 1 owner Runs/looks great \$10,500 652-4170

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175
Porsche, Cadillac, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives. Your area. Toll free 1-800-216-9000, ext. A-7057 for current listings

THINK SNOW, SAVE GAS \$
Subaru, sporty 1996 LX, 4WD, 5 speed, sunroof, cassette, 150K with original owner. Excellent condition, plenty miles left. \$3495 510-832-7700, ext. 206, days; 510-523-1104, evenings

VOLVO, 1988 760 GLE, leather, moonroof, loaded 140,000 miles \$4900 482-4031

104 Motorcycles

HONDA Magna, 1994, excellent condition. Runs and looks great. Under 10,000 miles \$4800 or best offer. Call John at 507-8769

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer free Giveaway and add cost free 31 charge (max. run 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland

SEEKING family to host Austrian, Russian or Brazilian home boy/ girl, 1997 semester. If you can help 800-388-3013, 415-472-2928

206 Found

LARGE, male cat, longhaired, white with gray Near Majestic Mallow. Great cat. Claim! Adopt 339-6556

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

"MISSY", tortoiseshell/white cat, 13 years, loves humans. Incredibly sweet. Owner ill. Donation 444-3204

GRETCHEN, 1 year, tortoiseshell, very sweet, should be sole pet. Donation. Marc 444-3204

"FIONA", 1 year, DLH, brown/white tabby, very sweet, independent, stunning looks. Donation 658-3742

FOUR rescued kittens, 7 months, personality sweet to shy, DSH black, immediate placement. Donation 549-2905

2 DH cats, female, both 5 years old, need immediate home, owner ill. Donation. 652-6330

GRAY tabby, incredibly sweet, lovable, 1 1/2 years, DSH, "Aby", Owner abandoned. Donation 937-4758

TWO young Siamese cats, homeless, need family. Call 482-9587

208 Lost

LOST kitties, gray with yellow head, answers to "Kani". 525-7556

CAT, "Rusty", orange short hair, petite male, Montclair District. Piedmont Pines. Reward 510-530-8349

LOST light brown Burmese, male cat, green eyes. Castle Dr. at Hollywood, Montclair. 655-0905

"SHASTA", female Malamute/ Husky mix, all white, lost on Piedmont Ave., November 28th. Reward 653-5309

CAT, Siamese Seal Point, neutered male, November 26, Taurus/ Capricorn area of Montclair. Reward 652-9923

BLACK male rabbit, "Fire". Bay O Vista/ Harrison. Reward. Maureen or Walter, 428-0281

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
Pre-school program 2 1/2 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00. 339-3830

303 Instruction & Tutoring
A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

WRITING tutor, 2 years working with San Jose State students. All levels. Call Fern 532-7629

304 Musical Instruction
ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90 531-5625 message

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING
TEMP-TO-HIRE
We are currently screening applicants for the following 3 accounting positions:

• **ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER**
Required 3+ years accounting experience

• **OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER**
Requires heavy accounting/office management experience

• **PART-TIME ACCOUNTING CLERK/ DATA ENTRY**
Requires strong data entry skills. Call Ms. Preston, (510) 839-9220 for immediate consideration

ASCOT STAFFING
All fees paid by employer

401 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant Part-time, flexible hours in friendly supportive church. Duties include preparing a newsletter, filing, telephones. Requires MSWord and communication skills. \$8-\$10/hour. Resumes by December 13, 1996 to Administrator, FUCO, 685 Fourteenth Street, Oakland, CA 94612, fax 510-893-7056

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant part-time corporate consulting firm. \$10-\$14/hour. Fax cover letter and resume: 510-352-9132

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant needed by attorney. 15-20 hours/week beginning approximately January 15, 1997. Flexible hours, bookkeeping, filing, litigation and business law support. Prior experience preferred. Send resume to: William Scher, 214 Grant Ave., #400 SF 94108. (No Calls Please)

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/Human Resources Strong communication skills, organization. Excel Word and fileMaker Pro. Varied tasks. San Francisco, south of Market. Full-time/temporary (4 months); \$18.50-\$19/hour DOE. 415-541-8420, ask for Brigitte or fax resume with cover letter 415-541-8430

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant Part-time. Perform clerical duties related to residential rental property. Duties: correspondence, develop, maintain, and update file of all leases and documents. Must be computer literate (WordPerfect). Resume to: Goham, BACS, P.O. Box 2269, Oakland 94621. Fax (510)544-8233

ADVERTISING SALES
Classified publications has an opening for a sales representative in its retail advertising department. The successful candidate must have a minimum of 2 to 4 years solid experience in sales. Your primary responsibility will be new sales development and serving of new and existing accounts. We offer a competitive compensation program which includes salary/ commission and benefits. Please respond by mail or fax resume to: Personnel Manager, P.O. Box 1151, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or fax 510-237-7894. EOE

ALAMEDA County Social Services needs Foster and adoptive parents. Free training and support groups. For more information call 510-268-2444

APARTMENT MANAGERS, 1, 2 persons. 25 units, Downtown Oakland. Part-time, maintenance, strong communication skills. FIVE percent and salary DOE. Fax resume: 510-268-8698

A/R Clerk Part-time, \$7-\$8/hour, 10 key, light typing. Send resume to: Attention Barbara, 305 Washington Street, Oakland 94607 or fax 510-645-1987

CAFE/Bakery counter position, 2 openings, 1 full-time, 1 part-time. Retail/ cash handling experience required. All shifts. Apply at Classic Confections, 1469 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

CHILD CARE COUNSELOR: Seeking qualified people (BA, clean DMV, experience) for care and supervision of severely emotionally disturbed youth. For more information call 510-482-2244. Apply to send resume to: Call Fred Finch Youth Center, 3800 Coolidge Ave. Oakland, 94602

COOK needed, experience required. 25-30 hours weekly, salary negotiable. Apply in person between 9-11 a.m. or 2-6 p.m. McGehee's 1645 Park St., Alameda. No calls, please

CUSTOMER Service. The Honeybaked Ham Company in Oakland now hiring energetic, self-motivated, sales-oriented people for full or part-time hours. Apply in person. Honeybaked Ham, 4584 Piedmont Avenue, Piedmont

CUSTOMER SUPPORT Oakland telecommunications firm seeks highly organized/ precise person for customer and operator support. Work day and Macintosh proficiency required. Work day starts 7 a.m. Full benefits. Fax resume: (510)936-8935

DATA Entry, full-time, \$7 per hour. Some experience necessary. Oakland. Call Susan 261-2990

DENTAL assistant: professional Berkeley office seeking efficient, conscientious, service oriented, RDA, full-time, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 510-845-2866 between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING MANAGER
Small, stable, well-established Oakland firm requires:

• Substantial experience in managing electronic assembly

• Production material control

• Purchasing

• Quality assurance

References necessary. Competitive compensation for including 401K, health, and dental plans. Please fax resume to:

Fisher Berkeley Corporation
Fax: (510)271-8297
No calls please.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER Part-time (12-16 hours/week). Professor seeks competent and reliable assistant to help manage a small off-campus investment business. Work 4 days/week. Berkeley, Friday, day hours. Great pay. \$15/hour. The ideal candidate will have some computer skills, office experience and a willingness to handle a wide variety of chores, errands, and assignments. Apply in writing; Hazel-nut, 64 Shattuck Square, #101, Berkeley, CA 94704.

EXPERIENCED waitperson, cocktail waitperson, busboy, dishwasher needed. Apply in person, 10-11 a.m. Pier 29 Restaurant, 300 29th Ave., Oakland, foot of Park Street Bridge

FOSTER PARENTS WANTED: Responsible, caring adults to serve as foster parents for a program which takes kids' needs seriously. Program provides professional training, intensive support services, money stipend and children's medical insurance. Call Fred Finch Youth Center, 510-482-2244, ext. 1225

HAPPY HOMES
Housecleaners wanted part-time, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 883-1747

HOUSECLEANERS, immediate openings. Need (4) people. Requires car, insurance, CDL. We pay weekly. Monday, Friday, day hours. Great pay, bonuses and benefits included. Thomas 254-5141

HOUSE yard work 3 days a week 2 hours \$5/hour 524-9726

IMPORTANCE paid to maturity, experience, computer skills. Certified Nurses Aides, Home Aides, part-time to 24 hours care. A Caring Connection, 524-8076

INJECTION Machine Operator, Apprentice. \$10/18/hour. Training. Shifts: Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 893-9612

INSURANCE: Small local firm, upper Grand Ave., Oakland, looking for Brokers assistant. Personal lines and small commercial lines needed. Must be congenial and enjoy working in pleasant surroundings 444-5645

IRONING/ Mending, 1 day/ week in my home. Please call with references. Piedmont 420-0335

LEGAL Secretary part-time. Hours flexible. Computer literate/ Word/ Windows 3.1/ Legal Solutions. Civil litigation/ probate. Resume to: 408 13th Street, #505, Oakland 94610

LICENSED OR NOT WE'RE HIRING NOW
Better Homes and Garden is looking for Real Estate Agents, we'll pay your state required courses and give you free training. 800-400-5391 extension 451

LVN, Part-time and On-call for 6 bed residential facility for adult

Childcare Wanted

Responsible, experienced nanny for 3 children, 2 families Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Oakland Hills. CDL and car insurance. \$31,500/6 or 658-3860.

Full-time for infant, light housekeeping, 2 children. Drivers license a must. References. \$18-22/hr.

Childcare for 3 and 6 year old girls (Oakland Hills) 30 hours/week. Excellent references. English. Non-smoker. Call 339-8830.

Nanny, 2 and 4 year olds, private quarters, car available, experience, references. \$18-22/hr.

TIME babysitter wanted for my 22 month old. Berkeley. 525-1848.

Needed 30-40 hours/week for 2 infants. Highlands home. Valid CDL, fluent English, references, CPR, Kristine 509-8316. Kell 510655-0657.

COOK/Driver needed for 10 year old boy and 10 month old girl. 10-15 hours/week after school. Be available Mondays 3-7:30 p.m. Reliability car. Salary expenses. 654-1736.

COOK/Driver. Piedmont. Experience and references required. \$12/hour. Be in Our Care Agency. 833-2273.

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606 Miscellaneous For Sale

FIREWOOD. Seasoned eucalyptus/pine, \$109/cord. Plus tax. \$3/ mile. \$100 total picked up. 339-8245.

HILLS Swim and Tennis Club, family membership, \$2700 or best offer. 531-7154.

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agency has seldom, if ever "paid" for any of these "backcharges" and that this has accumulated into a debt in the neighborhood of \$400,000 that the agency still owes the city. In addition, interest payable adds up about another \$85,000. This amounts to a sizable sum staring the city in the face of its recent "save our services" campaign.

And there's more. There's a financing vehicle called "tax revenue anticipation notes" or "TRANS" that the city has established so the Redevelopment Agency can "use funds" in advance of the city receiving them. Maybe forwarding the use of money in advance of receiving money is another way to side step the four letter word "loan." But it seems it should still show up as a "note" somewhere in the books.

The point is that whether one spells "loan" with a "d-e-b-t," or "p-a-y-a-b-l-e-s," or "a-c-c-r-u-a-l," (as in accrued interest payable) or even "t-r-a-n-s," it should still "walk the talk" of financial accountability.

In reality, no one has supplied an open and accurate accounting of the Redevelopment Agency's finances. In fact, the City's own Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) was told as far back as 1992 that they would not

be able to review the agency's finances but would look at targeted development areas and offer conceptual ideas instead. On his own initiative, George Amberg, a member of the RAC at that time, took it upon himself to visit city offices and review some of the financial history. If the agency wants to "duck" the word "loan" and call its debt a "goose," and its payables a "turkey," and its other subsidies "wild Pheasant" — the citizenry should all be given enough information to sort through these birds. Redevelopment financing is an

important subject given the plethora of projects currently being considered and their ultimate impact on the community. With this information, we could understand more ways to carve any fowl during the holidays.

Grant Ricketts
El Cerrito Neighborhood
Coalition

Editor's note: Norman La Force has no input on editorial decisions.

Sloppy journalism

Editor:

As a retired military officer, I am appalled by the military's continuing problems with sex crimes.

However, I am even more appalled when the media refers to these sex crimes, including assault, rape, and battery, as "sexual harassment." For example, on Sunday, Nov. 10, the *West County Times* published an article by Sheryl Stoleberg of the *Los Angeles Times* (page D1, Nation and World Section). The story starts off, "As part of its widening probe of alleged sexual harassment of female recruits," and goes on to discuss various forms of sexual

harassment ranging "from receiving unwanted love notes to instances of sodomy and rape."

While all forms of sexual harassment are deplorable and criminal, most people see a significant difference of degree between rape and sending unwanted love letters. By failing to differentiate between rape and unwelcome advances, both print and broadcast media make it easier for government and private industry officials to downplay sexual assault. In the military, convictions of rape can result in dishonorable discharge and life imprisonment. So, why are they

not reported as the heinous of aggression that they are? are they continually reporting the less serious-sounding of sexual harassment?

If the Army officer and sergeants involved had been about "alleged firearm harassment of female recruits?" Would they be willing to accept repeated continuing examples of "firearm harassment" in government agencies or private industry? I don't think so.

Alan C.
Capt., U.S. Navy

Public Notices

implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Louis Spicer, Sr. as trustees, dated Jan. 29, 1993 and recorded Feb. 3, 1993 as Document No. 93-27863 Book: 18249 Page: 239 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder. The amount owing on the subject obligation is: Principal \$5,432.12 Interest \$1,531.71; Late Charges \$274.80; Costs \$1,007.68; Credit \$(1,536.00). You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated Jan. 29, 1993. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. Dated: November 25, 1996 Queen Anne Investments, As Trustee By: California Trust Deeds, Inc., As Agent 125 12th Street, Suite 300, Oakland, Ca 94607-4912 (510)444-3200 Herb Leibowitz, Vice President G251224 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 1996
The Journal December 5, 12, 19, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6942
The Name of the Business:
Eastern House Restaurant, 2330 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
Yin Xiao Chen, 2136 E 22nd St., Oakland, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 8, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 8, 1996.
The Journal December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-7177
The Name of the Business:
Durant Ceramics, 253 S. 25th St., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
David V. Durant, 253 S. 25th St., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 20, 1996.
The Journal December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-7291
The Name of the Business:
Janin Associates, 957 Stow Ln., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owners:
Andrew A. Morse, 957 Stow Ln., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Robert Stephens, 900 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1996.
The Journal December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-7232
The Name of the Business:
Zamboni's Pizza Co., 1 Camino Sobrante #4, Orinda, CA 94563.
Is registered by the following owner:
Al Aboualebi, 301 Lake Meadow Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 22, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-7169
The Name of the Business:
C.I.T. 1765 Surfside Ct., Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
Is registered by the following owner:
Lesslie Noreen Nealy, 1765 Surfside Ct., Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-7114
The Name of the Business:
Foxen Design, 2567 Pine St., Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owner:
Todd Courtney Miller, 2567 Pine St., Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 16, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1996.
The Journal December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6886
The Name of the Business:
Creative Visions, 5190 Garaventa Dr., Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owner:
Gary J. Collins, 5190 Garaventa Dr., Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 6, 1996.
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